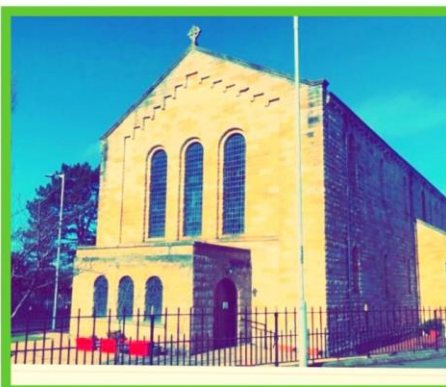


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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

BAPTISM

"Go therefore and baptise"

29 June Jessica Donnelly

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MARRIAGE

"Whom God hath joined "

11 August Andrew Calder and Sophie Archibald

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FUNERALS

"I am the resurrection and the life"

5 June	Mr Jonathan Banks
9 June	Mr Tom Stewart
23 June	Mrs Eleanor Beaton
14 August	Mr Hugh Duff
19 August	Mr David Moffat
25 August	Mrs Alison Doyle





Manse of St Mary's

September 2025

Dear Friends:

Summer 2025 has been a memorable one for both Helen and me. In early June we enjoyed a lovely holiday to Naxos and some other nearby Cycladic Greek Islands. The Junior Church Summer Challenge was to take pictures of churches and sacred buildings. In Greece, as always, we saw some stunningly beautiful churches. On 16 July our first grandchild was born: *Harrison Bryce James Ross*. Harrison is now 6 weeks old and has already brought so much joy to all his family. Then on 11 August our son, Andrew and his lovely fiancée, Sophie, were married at Cornhill Castle. I had the honour of conducting the Wedding Service. In these recent days of joy for our family, we would like to thank our Church Family at St Mary's for all your prayerful support, generosity and great kindnesses. We have received so many thoughtful cards and Harrison so many lovely gifts. It is truly a blessing to be a part of such a wonderful Church Family.

In September, I will be taking the bulk of my Annual Leave for 2025. The Revds Arthur Barrie and John Thomson are very kindly going to support the congregation in my absence. The Service on 14 September and the Autumn Communion on 21 of September will be led by Arthur. The Service on 28 September will be led by John. John will also provide Funeral Cover throughout the period 11 September to 28 September. I would like to thank both Arthur and John in advance. It is wonderful to have 2 very gifted and Godly retired Ministers in the St Mary's Family.

As we move from Summer towards Autumn, there are several special services coming up. Here are a few for your diaries:

SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER:
AUTUMN COMMUNION

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER
HARVEST SUNDAY [ALL-AGE SERVICE]

SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER:
GUILD DEDICATION SERVICE

SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER:
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 60TH ANNIVERSARY
SERVICE

SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER:
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY [ALL-AGE
SERVICE]

SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER: CHURCH
ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER ADVENT
COMMUNION SERVICE

This Autumn, 12 October, we will be welcoming a new Student Minister to St Mary's. Mrs Lesley Ewing is the Full time Youth & Children's Worker at Kirkton Parish Church [Carluke] and is currently in her second year studying part-time to becoming an Ordained Local Minister. I very much look forward to working and ministering with Lesley and to welcoming her to our congregation.

A great many people have commented on the excellent work to the church path on Avon Street in recent weeks. It has not only made the walkway to the church safer but has added to the beauty of our lovely church garden.

On behalf of the congregation, and all who attend groups at St Mary's, I would like to thank the Finance and Property Team very much.

On behalf of the whole Congregation, I would like to pay tribute to the Ups and Down's Theatre Group who are not only celebrating their 30th Anniversary this year but who also recently won the Daily Record Pride of Scotland Award this Summer. To Sean, and all the members and leaders of Ups and Downs, huge congratulations! Rehearsals for the next show have recently started in the Avon Hall on Sunday afternoons. I look forward to the next production!

As I close this letter, I want to pay Tribute to Alison Doyle who sadly died after a six-month illness on Friday 8 August and whose Memorial Service was held at St Mary's on Monday 25 August - a beautiful Tribute being paid by Rev Derek Pope. Alison was a wonderful Christian Lady and a dedicated Member and Minister's Wife of this congregation for almost 3 decades. May Alison's faith and dedication to God continue to be an inspiration to us all in all the days and years ahead. I know that the thoughts and prayers of all at St Mary's will continue to be with Alison's husband, our Former Minister, Rev David Doyle and with all of Alison's lovely family. May God bring them comfort, peace, love and hope eternal.

As Parish Minister, I wish you all well in the weeks and months ahead as we journey though Autumn towards the start of a new Christian Year in Advent.

If you need my help and support at any time, please remember to call me or send an e-mail. [Phone: 07401949831] [E-Mail: bcalder@churchofscotland.org.uk].

God Bless: Bryce

Becoming A Member At St Mary's

If anyone would like to become a Member of St Mary's Parish Church, or find out what this means, please contact Rev Bryce Calder - either by phone or email. Bryce will be happy to help you.

Home Phone: 01692 328665

Mobile: 07401949831

Email: BCalder@churchofscotland.org.uk

An Autumn Prayer

Creator and Creating God,

As we welcome the Autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colours of the leaves remind us of the wonder of Your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is You who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and opportunities before us to share with others.

May the ending of Summer's spirit, the falling of Autumn leaves, the cold of coming winter and the hope of a new Spring to come all remind us that the circle of life is eternal and that You are the God of all seasons, all times, all places - ever present and always loving.

We praise you for your goodness and blessing forever and ever. AMEN.

NEWS FROM THE TEAMS

FINANCE AND PROPERTY

Property Update

The new pathway to the Avon Street side and entrance of our building is now complete and I'm sure everyone will agree looks great.

The driveway to the Church House - No 74, next door, has been relaid and improves both the look of property along with easier access for our Tenant.

Phase 1

No major updates on Heating only to say 2 companies have attended site and carried out extensive surveys. When all information quotations etc have been received we will be better informed to make decisions as to next course of action.

Phase 2

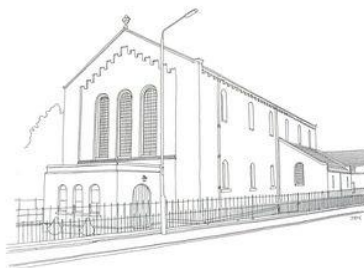
Sanctuary improvements/upgrades. At present these are only fact finding as no definite commitments have been made to any or all of these suggestions.

Quote has been received for lighting, in process of obtaining costs for flooring (carpeting), new seating to front section along with investigating improvement to insulation and the AV system.

Thanks to property team for help in contacting various companies and for endless form filling for Presbytery.

Thanks also to the Work Party a great group of young lads eager to get involved whether painting railings, fixing handrails, doors, patching up pews, weeding, etc all done with a cheery smile, although probably more to do with the thought of a nice cuppa along with Mary Maxwell's latest supply of home baking at the 10 am break.

Property/Finance Convenor
Ian Beattie



St Mary's Outreach Team

Outreach work continues throughout summer

Selected project updates

Food Bank

In the last magazine we highlighted the huge need met by the Motherwell Foodbank. We had a special focus on the work of the Foodbank at the church service on 22 June and we were delighted to collect £537 in cash and an estimated £200 in food. Other donations in the last couple of months have taken the support for the Foodbank in this calendar year to just under £1,700 in cash and an estimated £1,000 in food.

Andrew Ewart of the Motherwell Foodbank told us, "A huge 'thank you' yet again to the wonderful congregation of St Mary's Parish Church for your very kind donations of food and money. It's a great source of encouragement for our work in the community".

The work of the Foodbank goes on and we hope if you are able you can continue to donate cash and food.

Avondale Care Home Worship Services

The services have continued throughout the summer and have been very well attended by the residents at Avondale. The assembled congregation participate in the praise with great gusto! Thank you to Janette McPherson for accompanying us on the keyboard.

Christian Aid

At the various activities and collections arranged in Christian Aid week, St Mary's has contributed significant cash donations to the Christian Aid effort. Hazel Graham champions the activities of Christian Aid in our Church and represents us on the joint Motherwell Churches' Christian Aid committee. Hazel passes on the gratitude of the committee for our fantastic contribution of £750.

The Strawberry Tea held in June at the Kirk at the Cross was a successful event too and this raised just over £300.

Street Project

The team continue to work closely together to ensure we cover the town centre every week and share experience on who we have met and where we met them. This is important because it helps to get to know them better and understand the challenges they face. It also means we can react to changes; we find it more common now for people to be sitting outside supermarkets whereas in the past it would be in the precinct. So far this year we have used around £300 from the Presbytery grant and our own matched funding to provide food and clothing to those in need.

OUR PROJECTS



TEAM MEMBERS

Alan Brown
Ian Carrol
Margaret Carrol
Tracy Dodd
Hazel Graham
Jemma Henderson
Tom McPherson
Elaine Mitchell
Joanne Morrison
June Wilson
Bryce Calder

Featured project - Jemma and Joanne tell the story of the work carried each week at Reach Out (next page).

Reach Out Project - showing and sharing God's love in action

Jemma Henderson and Joanne Morrison

Reach Out is a locally registered charity based at North Motherwell Parish Church. It is comprised of 31 volunteers from various churches in the Motherwell area, including several members of St Mary's congregation.

Reach Out was set up in 1999 by members of the Ministers' Fraternal as a project for the Millennium to provide a meal for rough sleepers in the Motherwell area. It was originally based in the Maranatha Centre where a meal was organised once a week. Reach Out has operated from various premises over the years; the Mission Hall in Forgewood, the YMCA and the Ebenezer Hall.

The mission of Reach Out is to support individuals in need within North Motherwell and the surrounding communities by providing food and friendship; being a listening ear without preaching or judging.

Every Wednesday evening at North Motherwell Parish Church, a team of 6 volunteers prepare and serve a hot, two-course meal along with hot and cold beverages to guests. Our guests often face challenges such as addiction, mental health issues, loneliness, or lack the means to prepare a nutritious meal on their own. The number of guests varies each week but we typically welcome around 15-30 people including families with young children, older adults, and pensioners. All enjoy a good catch up over a



'home cooked' meal and at the end of the evening guests are given a shopping bag full of non-perishable food items and toiletries and most weeks there are clothing items available.

Guests always greatly appreciate the hospitality and are very thankful to the volunteers.

The highlight of the Reach Out calendar is our Christmas Party Night. Guests are invited along and receive a three-course Christmas dinner. The party games certainly bring out the competitiveness of the guests (and volunteers!) and it is a wonderful night filled with joy, fun, fellowship and happiness

Within St Mary's congregation we also provide lasting and sustainable support for Reach Out through the Toiletry Bank. This has been an incredible addition to Reach Out's work which has received much gratitude from guests and enthusiasm from volunteers, so much enthusiasm that volunteers have keenly offered shampoos and conditioners to guests without hair and toothpaste to guests with no teeth! This has been the source of much hilarity among both

volunteers and guests and has added another dimension to the friendship and support for guests.

All volunteers, including those from our congregation, display a real duty of care to guests and are keen to offer guests support and advice with one volunteer recently referring a guest to Citizen's Advice when they became upset and distressed over financial worries whilst another volunteer recently walked a guest to a relative's house after they became quite unwell. These are small stories which weave through the fabric of Reach Out and are typical of the actions of volunteers and the care and compassion that they show.

There are many stories from Reach Out that can be told but the lasting kinship and understanding that has developed between volunteers and guests is by far the biggest story.

Your continued support for Reach Out is invaluable and is greatly appreciated by all who join us on a Wednesday evening. If you wish to volunteer please contact us via the church email office@stmarysmotherwell.org.uk and you can donate to the Toiletry Bank by leaving donations within the church kitchen where they will be collected by a volunteer within the congregation and distributed appropriately.

NEWS FROM THE TEAMS

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Over the past few months we have met as a team to discuss our role within the church. The Pastoral Care Team will support our Minister and elders, providing additional care where needed to members and those associated with the church.

To support communication with our members we have prepared a small card giving contact details should elders call and you are not at home. This will facilitate members contacting the church who need or would like a further visit. In addition, we are piloting a new church pew card which again will allow people to make contact with their elder or the Minister.

At time of writing we are hopeful that all members of the Pastoral Care Team will have undertaken Safeguarding Training by the end of September.

As the Autumn Session approaches we will be able to commence visits which will support and enhance the care our Minister and Elders currently provide.

All members of the team look forward to becoming actively involved in providing Pastoral Care where we will have an increasing opportunity to meet with church members.

EVENTS TEAM

Dates for your diary:

5 October - Harvest Lunch immediately after the service

27 November - Decorating the Church for Christmas

14 December Lessons and Carols followed by the Y-Zone panto with soup and a mince pie

****Please note the St Mary's got talent all organisations concert has moved to SATURDAY
14th of March****

6 April Easter breakfast

13 June Summer Fayre + BBQ more details to follow

Feel free to get in touch if you have any ideas for fundraising or social activities.

Kindest regards,
Kristeen Kennedy

To communicate with Kristeen send information to comms@stmarysmotherwell.org.uk marked for the attention of Kristeen Kennedy.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

1965 - 2025

We start our 2025 - 2026 Session on **Monday 6 October**. meeting in the Conference Room, every second Monday, at 7.30 pm.

This is a significant year for the Fellowship. **We celebrate our 60th year**. The first meeting of the Fellowship was on Monday 4 October 1965. It was started as a suggestion by Frank Todd, George McNair, Andrew Cruickshank, and a few others. There have been 19 Past Presidents. Their names are embroidered on the Tapestry which hangs in the church sanctuary.

We will mark our 60th year, firstly by playing a small part at the morning service, on Sunday 26 October. This will be followed by a celebration Lunch for members in the Moorings House Hotel.

The Syllabus for the first half of our session is shown below. As always, our meetings are open to all. Feel free to either attend every meeting, or simply to attend when you are able. You will be made welcome whatever you decide.

2025	Speaker	Subject
6th Oct	Bryce Calder	In the Beginning.
20th Oct	Stuart Baird	M74
Sun 26th Oct	Anniversary service and lunch	
3rd Nov +	Callum and Friends	Musicals Mystery Tour
17th Nov	Ian McPherson	#nosingleuseglass
1st Dec	Aaron Hawthorne	Film and Organ
15th Dec	Alan Joyce	Christmas Quiz

+ Joint meeting with the Guild in the Avon Hall

I am grateful to our Secretary, Alan Joyce Jnr for converting the ideas for speakers, put forward at our recent Committee meeting, into our planned syllabus.

Howard Rennie
President



GUILD

Theme - Living Stones
Project - Crossreach

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to a new session of the Guild.

Our Opening Social is on Monday 6 October at 7.30 pm. We will be entertained that evening by Airdrie and Coatbridge Amateur Operatic Society. I look forward to seeing you all then. Meetings will then follow every 2 weeks.

We have a very interesting and mixed Syllabus arranged for this session including a Panel Night, Scottish Night and Joint Meetings with the Men's Fellowship. We also have our usual mix of speakers and Social Nights some of which will include home baking.

We hope that you can join us and of course new members will be made most welcome. All evenings are open to everyone so why not bring a friend.

Many thanks to the Committee for their suggestions for the Syllabus and for their support. I look forward to working with you all again to make this an enjoyable session.

Best Wishes
Myra Philip - Guild President

Summer Camp 2025



Getting there.... Day 1

With 22 boys and 9 officers (all resplendent in our new royal blue BB hoodies), the convoy of 2 minibuses and the Land Rover with Chapman's trailer we managed to load up and ship out all our camping stuff and luggage for 5 days of adventure as we headed for Badaguish just outside Aviemore in the Cairngorms for our 2025 Summer Camp.

After a lunch stop in Aviemore we descended on Badaguish and began the process of making ourselves at home - 10 tents had to go up, the kitchen had to be organised, our travelling crockery, cutlery and utensils washed, 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 our tents under the careful guidance of Mr Greenhorn (after a bit of alignment adjustment!) so after an afternoon of settling in we enjoyed our first meal together and then set off for a stroll down to Loch Morlich.

The Hillwalk....Day 2

Day 2 is the traditional camp hillwalk and this year we returned to a walk we last did in 2018 - the Cairngorm northern corries. This is a brilliant walk that starts and ends at the visitor car park on Cairngorm mountain and loops around taking in 3 Munros. It was a stunning 12 kilometre walk in gorgeous weather conditions (some of us got rather sunburned...) and we secured a group photo at the Cairngorm weather station with the Battalion Championship Flag! The views throughout the walk were amazing and the boys did very well on a tough walk.

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. This year we made a hybrid arrangement - we partnered with Able2Adventure who laid on an excellent set of activities for us on the Monday and the Tuesday morning - paddleboarding has become a favourite activity as has the gorge walking/jumping on the River Feshie.

On the Tuesday afternoon we were looked after by the folks at Loch Insh water sports where we spent a few hours on their Jungle Float in the middle of the Loch. The Jungle Float is a floating platform equipped with slides, trampolines and diving platforms and best seen on the photo page! It was another glorious afternoon and the boys (and officers) had a ball jumping, diving, sliding and bouncing off the Jungle Float into the Loch.

What else....?

In between all the planned activities the boys were kept entertained/busy by our staff team in football competitions, a quiz night and an indoor games night.

Dronegate

Camp 2025 was Greg Weir's last BB camp as he and his wife are relocating to the USA in the Autumn... Greg has been our camp cinematographer for a few years now and for his last camp we invested in a drone so that he could

get the panoramic footage he had always dreamed of for the camp film. We all did our drone pilot training so that we understood the rules when using a drone.

All was going well for the first day or so and some stunning footage was secured. While attempting some Sky Sports rivalled aerial footage of our football competition on the Sunday evening however, the drone was piloted into a tree and got stuck 42 meters up in the branches... no amount of throwing things or shaking trees was able to get the drone free and we had to resign ourselves to a lost drone and lots of jokes at the expense of the pilot.

Amazingly the team at Badaguish managed to pull in a favour with a climbing friend and the drone was recovered a few weeks later and duly posted back to Motherwell in full working order! Just need to find a new pilot for next year...

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 Ian Beattie our camp chef for providing wonderful meals, doing all the dishes and putting up with all the nonsense chat!

Thanks are also due to our partners James Chapman Butchers for their continued support.

Summer Camp 2025 was another great camp in the perfect location, awesome activities with a wonderful group of boys who have all come home with memories that will last a lifetime.

Camp 2026 is already booked and we hope to create another memorable camp for everyone.....

Captain Stewart Maxwell

Summer Camp 2025 – some photos



This is a small selection of our BB camp photos – you can see more on our Instagram at 13th_motherwell_bb or on Facebook at 13th Motherwell Boys' Brigade Company





WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING

COFFEE, TEA, TREAT AND
CHAT FROM 10 - 12 NOON



By the time this magazine is distributed the Guiding units - Rainbows, Brownies and Guides will have started a new session.

We are always looking for adults to volunteer with our units to have fun with our girls, especially as we have large numbers at present with more on our waiting lists.

6th Motherwell Guides

The Guides finished the session with a challenge based on Chocolate. Over a few weeks they designed a wrapper as well as an actual chocolate bar and an advertising jingle. A quiz and Kim's game completed the challenge.

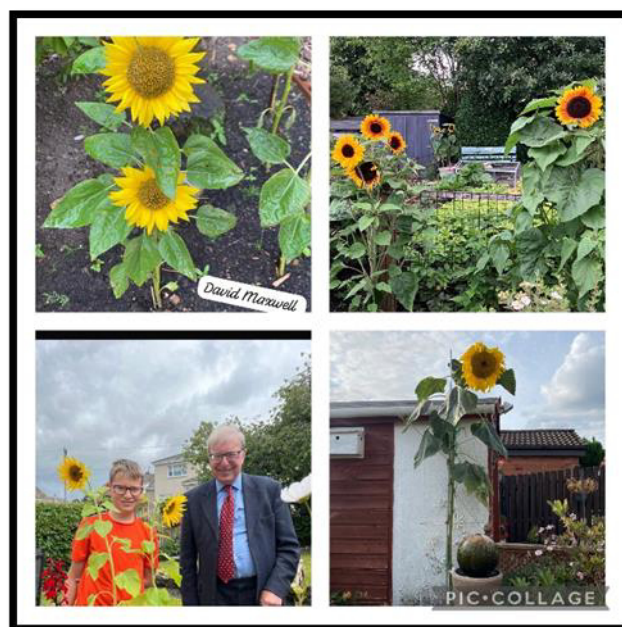
Our final evening was a joint one with the 6th Brownies when the girls had a games night.

No doubt there will be more challenges ahead in the new session as we explore the new badges which were launched over the summer when Girlguiding featured on BBC Breakfast television.

Since returning in the new session we have been very busy, even having to put up an extra table.

We would still like to have new volunteers to serve teas and coffees on a Wednesday morning. This can be once a month or on a more random basis. More help is certainly needed. Speak to Isabel Johnstone, Margaret Watson or Christine Clark if you would like to help. You can even just add your name to the rota on the notice board in the Avon Hall.

After the holidays interesting visits to coffee shops were being shared. If you have come across somewhere that serves good teas, coffees and tasty scones or some other treat share it with us - put a note of name and location on the notice board beside the Coffee Morning Rota.



Y ZONE

In June we enjoyed another Saturday Night Games night - and we were delighted to have over 30 young people attend.

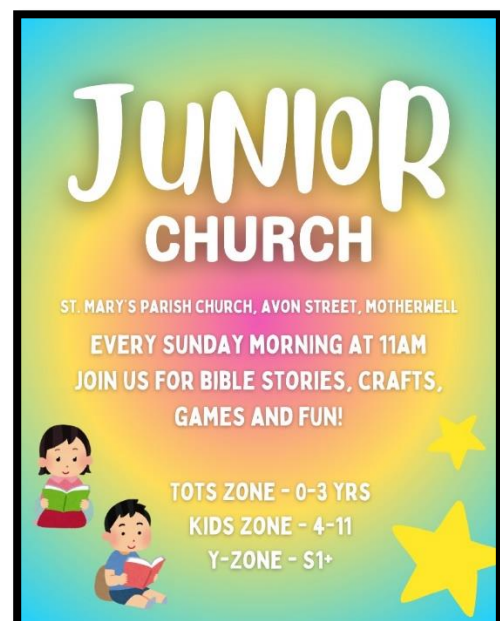
Including helpers that brought the total on the evening to 45. A busy but extremely fun night.

The evening was full of games and challenges and it was a joy to enjoy the fellowship of so many.

A huge thank you to all in the congregation that makes these nights possible whether it be to offer their time, talents ... or pizza.

We now look forward to our session ahead and plans are already underway for the next Saturday night which will have taken place by the time you read this, when all S1's and above will be welcome!

Diane, Elaine and Ross - Y Zone leaders



Junior Church

We have had a super session at Junior church as you will have seen on the church X and face book pages and on the weekly pre service slide show.

We share lots of fun, friendship and fellowship each week with our children and team - a team who give their time week by week to plan, prepare and present our Bible themed sessions. My personal thanks and a thankyou from all our families for all that you do. And to Lisa and Lynn who support Junior church with our admin and accounting!

This session sees a slight change to our structure. Our CYP team from the session will now co-ordinate the joint activities of our youth organisations and our Junior Church team have all taken on new responsibilities to plan the weekly themed Sundays, co-ordinate our weekly family messages, organise our weekly call to worship, prepare our magazine article and to set our challenges. We look forward to sharing all that's going on each week in our pre service slide show.

At our end of session service in June, we had 6 children moving onto high school - and Y Zone and all of our members from Junior Church will have received a book and certificate to mark the end of our session. We were very grateful to the support of the Women's Guild in the church for their kind donations to allow us to buy the books and to our special friends in the congregation who have supported us personally and allowed us to purchase our P7 gifts.

As a Junior church we have a busy session planned. We look forward to sharing stories in the next magazine of the adventures of Bunty Rabbit (who will go home each week with a member of Junior Church).



We also have special services to look forward to and plans are already in motion for our special Nativity Sunday.

Please continue to pray for the children in our Junior Church as we begin a new session here in St Mary's.



SUMMER CHALLENGES

We've had a wonderful response to our Challenges this summer... Some sunflowers have been more successful than others... and some came to a fateful end during the August stormy days!

But we had a great many entries and our winners this year are once again stunning. With thanks to David Maxwell for preparing our seeds and plants our winners are....

The Stewart family, Arthur Barrie and Ben Kennedy and Ian and Maureen Dick.

And our overall winner, with a sunflower standing at over 8 feet tall and in full bloom Lesley Shearer.

A super effort from our green fingered friends...

Well Done!



Our church photograph challenge was hugely popular with just short of 200 entries, in fact if we were to show them all in a slide a show it would last for 15 minutes!

We've had entries from York and New York. Hawaii and Haworth, Callander and California. Fraserburgh and Florida, Belfast and Bali the list is endless and it's been so wonderful to see so many beautiful and different buildings, some with really fascinating stories.

We had photographs from a church in Peru, taken by Rev Keith Blackwood after a 10 hour train journey across the Andes Plains, and also a stunning photograph from the selection sent by Barbara of her travels in Malta.... the art work inside was amazing.

We also had some special entries from folks who visited a ST MARYS during their holidays,... including Aberdeen, Wimbledon and Brisbane Australia. Well done to the Murray family, Mossman Family and Alan Joyce.

But now for our winners

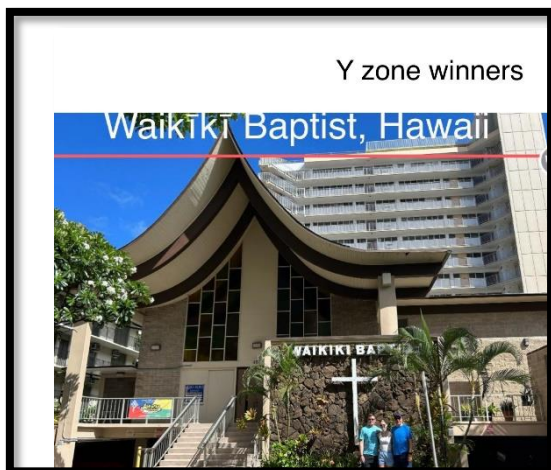
Our children's choice winners are - Emily and Anna Kidd ... visiting Athens.



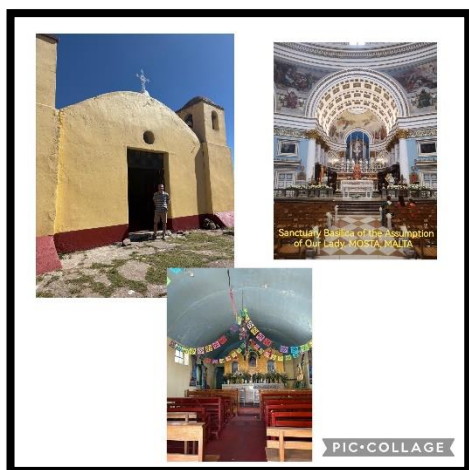
Our Junior Church Winners were - Alice and Josh Henderson who visited the church in Haworth, where Emily Bronte's father was the minister.



Our Y Zone winners were Josh and Eilidh Greenhorn with their entry from Hawaii.



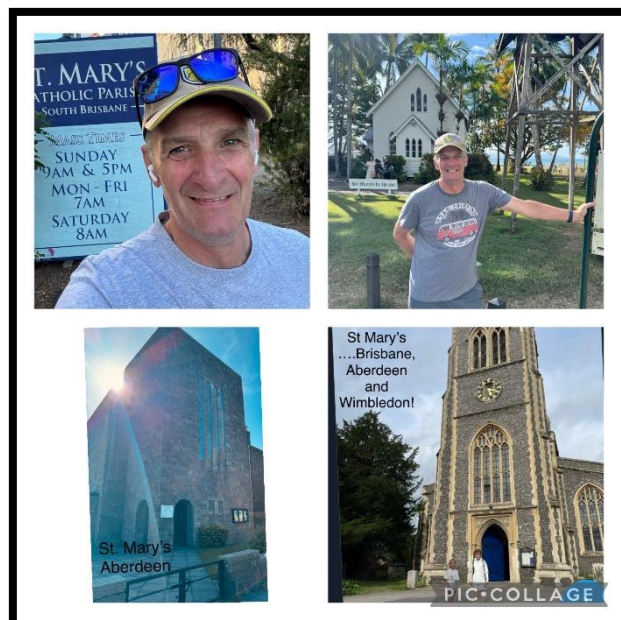
And our joint overall winners are
Lorraine Gibson ... with stunning photographs
all taken from the Clyde ... 'looking in' on the
churches on the mainland and Islands....



And Kristeen Kennedy for her photographs
on her UK holiday tour A fantastic
selection of churches on her travels with the
family.



Thank you all for taking part.



A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

On the sunny Monday evening of 19 May we took a Trip Down Memory Lane and with the help of many people, we hosted a nostalgic evening of shared memories & stories of days gone by. The Woman's Guild, Guides, Brownies & Rainbows, Choir, Boys Brigade, Jnr Church and Y-Zone exhibited photographs, uniforms, film footage etc and it's fair to say these well-established groups were not short of memorabilia, fascinating information, and amusing photographs. We had a Treasure Hunt, Lucky Year squares, and Who is the Baby activities which proved sufficiently challenging.

A semi-filled timeline charting 111 years, was laid out down the middle of the Avon Hall to allow people to share items and note memories and stories. This included the laying of the foundation stone in 1914, the opening of the new hall in the 50's, our 75-year anniversary concert, the ordination of ministers, baptismal register, cookery books, lockdown activities and more recently our Eco Award. The timeline is by no means complete and hope that you will continue to share pictures etc as you come across them. In the Church we showed the original plans of the church building, the Cradle Roll sheets, and several other beautiful artefacts. Later in the evening we all enjoyed a cuppa & cake while watching a short film montage of the Centenary Concert.

Overall, the evening was joyous occasion filled with constant chatter, smiles and laughter.

Many thanks for your support.
Diane & Barbara



ECO COMMITTEE



Collect your stamps to support the work of the Al Ahli Hospital in Northern Gaza.

The hospital is the only Christian hospital in the Gaza Strip and Gaza's only cancer hospital. It serves in time of calm during the occupation and despite all, and through all the bombing since Oct 2023, the hospital has continued to serve the population in whatever way they can with the small resources they have and with staff working hours under difficult conditions.

The hospital is run by our partner church, the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE:
Post your stamps to Stamp Appeal 2025, Keith Scott, Dene Hard, Garelochhead, Helensburgh, G84 0EL.
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St Mary's Church
Toddler Group
Play, Learn and Grow... Together!
Tuesdays & Fridays
10:00 - 11:30 AM
For More Information Visit
St Mary's Toddlers Facebook Page

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New class alert - PILATES SCULPT
Time to make that change - this is not just for summer! Pilates has the power to change your body and the way you move forever!
This class is aimed at targeting those hard to reach areas - tummy, buttocks and arms!
It's suitable for all levels but I do ask if you have any back or knee pain please explore my Tuesday night class which can be tailored to individual needs. For more details please click on the link - <https://www.facebook.com/lauraphysiopilates>
Thursday 7.30-8 pm
St. Mary's Church,
Avon Street
Motherwell

JUST BREATHE YOGA GROUP
St Mary's Parish Church Hall
Saturdays 10:00 - 11:00 AM
You Can Join By Coming Along
Or Telephoning 07795 378490

**EVENTS ON
OFFER IN OUR
HALLS**

Artisew Sewing Classes
for beginners at St Mary's church,
Avon St, Motherwell
Come along and learn to sew in a friendly and encouraging environment! Make new friends! Develop skills and confidence!
Saturday
Adult class- 9:30-11:00
Junior class (age 10-15)- 11:15-12:45
£18 per week
Secure your place now at
ArtisewScotland@outlook.com

Chair Yoga Sesions
Join us every Wednesday
9.30-10.30 am
Benefits:
Greater flexibility, mobility, stamina and sense of balance.
Fosters mental clarity, aids stress reduction, stimulates cognitive function and enhances a sense of wellbeing.
Connect with like-minded people in a supportive and uplifting environment.
St Mary's Parish Church, Avon Street, Motherwell
First session FREE
£5 per session
£20 for a block of 5 sessions
Booking on www.mayaschool.co.uk



FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday	21 September	11 am	Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sunday	5 October	11 am	Harvest Thanksgiving
Sunday	19 October	11 am	Guild Dedication Service
Sunday	26 October	11 am	Men's Fellowship 60 th Anniversary Service
Sunday	9 November	10.45 am	Remembrance Service
Sunday	23 November	11 am	Anniversary Service
Sunday	30 November	11 am	Sacrament of Holy Communion - Advent



FLOWER LIST

SEPTEMBER

7th Miss J Graham

14th Friends of Irene
Nimmo

21st Mrs J Loughridge
28th Miss J Findlay

OCTOBER

5th Mr A Joyce (Jnr)
Mrs B Aitkenhead

12th Mrs S Forrest
19th Mrs I Dougal

Miss V Craig
26th Rev & Mrs Thomson

NOVEMBER

2nd Mrs M Tracey

9th Mrs S Sinclair

16th Mrs A Corbett

23nd Mrs M McCloy
Mrs D Livingstone
Miss J Graham

30th Mr S McCue-Dick
The Guild

June Graham - Flower Convener

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 5 October	Harvest Lunch after morning service
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