

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

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The Guild
Congregational Board
The Scottish Bible Society
Junior Church Junior Choir *Girlguiding*
Boys' Brigade The Toddlers Senior Choir *Kirk Session*
Christian Aid *Men's Fellowship*
Congregation

AUTUMN 2015

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

BAPTISMS

"Go therefore and baptise"

May 24	Logan William McCallum
August 16	Sophia Katie Douglas

MARRIAGES

"Whom God hath joined "

May 22	Gillian Macari and Daniel Allan
June 19	Michelle Saddler and Andrew Kennedy
July 5	Wendy Sutherland and Marshlo Francis Xavier

FUNERALS

"I am the resurrection and the life"

May 3	Isobel Donaldson	Clyde Tower
May 17	Faye Craig	Park Springs
June 12	Dianne Colquhoun	Avon Street
July 1	Bert Hetherington	Hamilton Road
July 16	Marion Nicholson	Well Hall Nursing Home

FOR INFORMATION DURING VACANCY

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

During the period before a new minister is appointed please contact the Rev Arthur Barrie Tel: 01698 261147 for baptisms and marriages.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Rev John Stevenson should be contacted regarding funeral arrangements.

ILLNESS OR HOSPITALISATION

It is vitally important over the next few months to use the Yellow Cards at the end of the pews if you know of anyone who requires a pastoral visit due to illness or hospitalisation. These cards can be left in the church office.

*Letter from
the Interim Moderator*



August 2015

Dear Friends in St Mary's

I feel that I can call you that because of the warmth and friendliness I have received since I have come among you as Interim-moderator. As time passes I become more and more aware of the life and vibrancy of this congregation - so much going on by so many people, so many signs of life among all ages. It is so encouraging so see this and to be part of it.

A very heartening feature of your congregational life is Sunday Worship. The numbers attending are holding up very well and it is a joy to lead the services Sunday by Sunday. Young and old, and those in between, joining together in the central activity of the church.

During the next few months there are a number of special events and services and I look forward to sharing these with you. It has been very helpful to have Bob Kent and Alistair Jessamine to assist me and John Stevenson to attend to urgent Pastoral demands.

The Nominations Committee is being very pro-active and by the 30th August we shall know the level of interest in this vacancy.

Please remember them in your prayers as they fulfil the responsibilities you have placed upon them.

I hope that all of you will continue to support St Mary's in any way you can. You have had a great past, the future looks equally exciting.

God bless you all.

Yours sincerely

Arthur Barrie
Interim-moderator

WORK PARTY



By the time you read this, the members of the Work Party will have finished their various jobs for another year. It is worth setting out who the members are: Ian Beaton, Graham Currie Ian Dick, Peter Fergusson, Allan Joyce, Tom Knox, David Maxwell, Graham McNay and Bill Taylor. Some of these men have been members since the Work Party was formed many years ago by Bobby Liddell.

This session as well as working in and around the church, we have also been working in the Manse garden. The garden at the front is relatively small and easy to maintain. The opposite is the case at the rear. The garden at the rear is large, with lawns, shrubs, trees and paths, all requiring weekly maintenance. The grass at the rear is being cut once every 2 weeks. At the height of the growing season, the cuttings fill a brown wheelie bin after each cut. A fence and gate have also been repaired, and preservative applied to the timber.

At the church, in the kitchen we have washed down all the ceiling, walls, units and light fittings. The Vestry has been redecorated, following the donation of replacement furniture. We have removed our former minister's name from the 2 external notice boards, and carried out several small repairs to the fabric of the property.

Howard Rennie



THE GUILD

At the beginning of the new session we look forward with interest to the syllabus planned by the committee at the end of last session. We hope it will have variety and interest for our members.

This year the theme set by the Guild at national level is:

BE BOLD - BE STRONG - GO IN PEACE

Our session starts on Monday 5 October with our Opening Social when we will be entertained by Studio 32 from East Kilbride. Our Dedication Service will be held on Sunday 11 October.

During the first part of the session we have the privilege of the company of the Rev Fiona Nicholson, the Moderator of Hamilton Presbytery, representatives of our Guiding Units, a member of the Yorkhill Children's Charity and a talk from Andrew Brown, a young man who is currently on a visit to Ethiopia. We also hope to have some gentle keep fit and some other entertaining evenings. Just a taste of what will be on offer this year.

We look forward to welcoming back our members and encourage anyone interested to come along and enjoy friendship and fellowship on a Monday evening.

Myra Philip
President

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

This year the Fellowship celebrates its 50th Anniversary and resumes on Monday 5th October, when our first speaker will be our Interim Moderator, The Rev Arthur Barrie.

On Sunday 11th October, Guild and Fellowship share a joint Dedication Service at the close of which members of the Fellowship, their spouses and friends meet at Wishaw Golf Club for an Anniversary Lunch, where the guest after lunch speaker will be Mr Robert Nimmo. A warm invitation is extended to past members to join us in church and at the Lunch. The cost of the Lunch is £10 per person.

As ever the committee have prepared what we hope will be an interesting, informative and entertaining programme, and our thanks are due to those members who in the absence of a Secretary made contact with the various speakers and a special thank you to Howard Rennie for his ready agreement to coordinate the work.

I would take this opportunity to extend an open invitation to all men in the congregation to join this very lively group in the Conference Room any Monday evening they are free, or where there is a subject that may be of special interest and they will be assured of a warm welcome.

Allan Joyce
President

Men's Fellowship - 50th Anniversary Programme			
Month	Date	Subject	Speaker
2015			
October	5 th	Minister	Rev Arthur Barrie
Sunday	11th	Re- Dedication Service followed by Lunch at Wishaw Golf Club	Mr Robert Nimmo
	12 th	A Day in the Life	Robert Neilson
	19 th	Rudolf Hess	Ian Valentine
	26 th	The Gideons	Tom Brown
November	2 nd	Stories & Verses from NLC Archives	Vidca McGhee
	9 th	Whitelees	TBC
	16 th	The Covenanters	Peter Ferguson
	23 rd	Ups & Downs	Stephanie Crawford
	30 th	Robert Burns	Douglas Keith
December	7 th	Shetland Childhood	Eleanor Simpson
	14 th	Christmas Quiz	Bill Taylor

Men's Fellowship
50th Anniversary Lunch
 in
Wishaw Golf Club
On Sunday 11th October
Guest Speaker
Mr Robert Nimmo
Cost £10 **Time 1 pm**



The Toddler's Group

Thanks to everyone involved - parents, carers, grandparents, helpers and our "Aunties" - for a great end to the summer session of the toddler group!

The children had fun making some Father's Day crafts in June; followed by our annual summer trip to the Mackinnon Mills soft play where the adults enjoyed delicious homemade scones with coffee and the children had juice and snacks and tired themselves out in the play area!

We finished up for the summer holidays with a wonderful night out to the Bentley Hotel where 18 of the mums and some grannies enjoyed a lovely meal followed by a quiz organised by Ros Ward, some party games and a raffle led by Karyn. Thanks also to Karyn Davies for arranging the night out - it was a great success!

On the night we were sad to say farewell to 6 of our committee members and friends who have been a huge part of the group for a number of years. Many thanks again go to Karyn Davies, Diane Connor, Rosaline Ward, Louise Thom, Debbie Rimmer and Hazel Shepherd for all of your help over the years and we wish you and the children well as they move on to nursery or school - exciting times for you all!

For the upcoming session here are a few dates for the diaries:

11th/15th September 2015 - Johan Lennox will be coming to take photographs for anyone who wishes portraits of their children taken in time for Christmas gifts!

Friday 25th September - Toddler holiday for September weekend

6th/9th October - Sponsored bounce event

12th- 17th October - School holiday week

27th/30th October - Halloween crafts and party

3rd/6th November - Fireworks crafts

15th/18th December - Christmas Parties

We are looking forward to **starting back on Tuesday 25th August and Friday 28th August 2015 at 10 am** and welcoming some new members to the group! If anyone would like to join, please contact Emma Mitchell or via the Toddler group email address: stmarystoddlers100@gmail.com

If anyone would like to join our team of "Aunties" and help us in the kitchen with making the tea/toast on a Tuesday or a Friday morning (usually once or twice per session) please get in touch with June Graham or Emma Mitchell.



At the end of June 6 young women completed the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition in the Clyde Valley. Roslyn Jessney and Alisha Steeds were 2 of our Young Leaders taking part. They were lucky to have only light showers of rain on the first day and sunshine on the second.

They camped overnight at the Guide campsite, Gowanpark, in the Clyde Valley.



As part of their expedition they chose to focus on historic buildings/ruins in the Clyde Valley. This gave them the opportunity to explore Craignethan Castle and take pictures of various historic buildings closer to home - Cambusnethan Priory, mausoleum, bridges and temples in Dalzell Estate. Now all that left to do to complete this award is the electronic recording of volunteering in Guiding and Junior Church, various skills acquired and participation in physical activities.

Currently Girlguiding is represented by around 127 girls and 37 leaders in the St Mary's Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units.

This is a fantastic number, but we are looking for adult volunteers to help continue to give our girls and young women a fabulous Guiding experience when our new session starts in September. We particularly need volunteers for our Rainbows.

Our Rainbow units meet on a Wednesday from 5.30 - 6.30 pm



Our Brownies meet on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6.30 - 8.00 pm



Our Guide units meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7.15 - 9.00 pm



We are looking for volunteers over 16 years of age to give some time to our girls. We offer flexible guiding - meaning we don't expect you to attend every evening. You may have a particular skill or interest which you can share with us.

In return you can expect to enjoy fun, friendship and satisfaction from working with our girls.

Please make yourself known to any of our Guiders or leave your details with the church office.

Summer Camp 2015



Following the success of our 2014 camp we returned to our favourite camp location at Badaguish Outdoor Centre, near Aviemore in the Cairngorms for Summer Camp 2015.

Getting there.... Day 1

With a record 36 boys and 12 officers, the now extended convoy of 3 minibuses, the Chapman's Landover 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 a lunch stop in Aviemore we descended on Badaguish and began the process of making ourselves at home - 13 tents had to go up this year, a NEW flag pole to be erected, 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 this year we again tackled an old favourite - the Meall a' Bhuachaille loop. This lets us walk from the campsite in a big loop taking in 3 big peaks (the biggest being 810 metres) and taking in some fabulous sights in the process. The photo at the start of the article is us at the top of Meall a' Bhuachaille. For the sharp eyed of readers you will notice a welcome addition to our 2015 hillwalk summit photograph - we had the privilege of taking the Battalion Championship flag to camp. Not sure if we are supposed to, but we did anyway!

13th Motherwell Boys' Brigade Company Centenary 1915 - 2015



Autumn 2015 sees the 100th anniversary of the formation of 13th Motherwell Boys' Brigade Company.

As an officer team we have decided to have a 'Centenary Session' to celebrate our 100 years rather than a calendar year of celebrations. This was also to provide some respectful distance from the Church Centenary celebrations.

So our Centenary Session will run from starting back in September 2015, through to our summer camps in June/July 2015.

We have planned 2 main streams for our celebrations

1. Celebrations for the current members and officers of the Company.
2. Celebrations for past members and officers of the Company (or 'old boys' as we are affectionately referring to them!)

In addition to the celebrations for the people both past and present involved in the Company we plan to leave a legacy of our Centenary within the church and will be discussing this further with the Congregational Board.

In order to plan for this exciting session we have set up 2 action teams to lead the preparations in parallel with the normal running of the Company.

Alan Joyce junior is heading up the team planning the celebrations for the current members and officers and **Bill Simpson** is heading up the team preparing the celebrations for past members and officers.

For the current boys we are planning a special launch night at the start of the session, a combined parade and dedication service with the past members, a fun day potentially at Carronvale House and of course our centenary camps for the Junior and Company section and a day out for the Anchor Boys.

For past members and officers we are planning a Centenary Celebration Dinner to be held in the church halls on Saturday 21 November, followed by a special Centenary Dedication Service in church on Sunday 22 November 2015. We would also hope to make part of our fun day at Carronvale 'open doors' to allow parents and past members to visit and see the boys in action.¹

An exciting session ahead! If you would like to make sure you are part of these Centenary Celebrations then please email stewart@13thmotherwell.org.uk or leave your name and contact details in the church office or see me or any officer in the Avon Hall any Sunday after church!

We look forward to sharing our celebrations with you.

Captain Stewart Maxwell

junior section update

Parents' night

The 2014/2015 session of the Junior section came to a close in May at our annual parent's night. This year the parent's night display piece involved the boys showing off their drill skills and recreating the story of Noah. The officers, boys and parents alike also appreciated the opportunity to reflect on some of the highlights from the session, including the Christmas coffee morning performance, the good luck video message to Mr Fraser (who recently completed the London Marathon) and the 2014 camp.

In addition the parent's night provided us with the opportunity to recognise the accomplishments of every individual boy via the presentation of badges within the Junior Section Achievement programme.

Inspection Results

Throughout the session the boys undergo a weekly inspection in which points are awarded for each individual aspect of their uniform (jumper, armband, trousers, shoes), 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 were 2 runners up positions and the boy with the highest score was awarded the coveted **BBig Cheese Award**.

The results were:

Runners Up: Euan Bowman & Gregor Graham
BBig Cheese Award: Oliver Fry

In addition there was also a best squad, based on inspection points. This year the **Best Squad** was **Squad 3**.

Special Recognition Awards

The Junior Section boys are a remarkable group of young men who consistently demonstrate high levels of commitment and good behaviour. As a result, each year the officers face the unenviable task of trying to select a small number of these boys to receive one of the Junior Section special recognition awards. This year after lengthy email and face to face discussions the officers finally decided on the recipients for these prizes. These prizes were awarded throughout the course of the parent's night and are also detailed below.

Best in Year

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

1st Year- Jack Daly
2nd Year- Innes McClair
3rd Year- Scott Cameron

These 3 boys consistently demonstrated excellent manners; kindness; commitment to the Boys' Brigade and enthusiasm for the various activities and events that were undertaken throughout the year.

Sportsman and Leading Boy

We also had an award for **Best Sportsman** which this year went to **Ross Andrew**, for his contribution to our football competition and the excellent sportsmanship that he demonstrates at all times.

Our newest award is the **Leading Boy trophy** which is designed to acknowledge the important role our squad leading boys play within the Junior Section. Leading boys are third years who have been selected by the officers to be responsible for 'leading' their squad. This means ensuring that their squads are well

behaved during the opening and closing services and supporting younger members of the section throughout the night. This year the officers chose to recognise a boy who has lead by example by wholeheartedly throwing himself into all aspects of the Junior Section. He has particularly approached creative tasks (which are typically viewed with a little bit of hesitancy) with such enthusiasm that he has encouraged other boys to more readily engage in them. For that reason.....

**Our Leading Boy Trophy
went to
Neil Robertson**

Endeavour Shield

Our most sought after individual award is the **Endeavour Shield**. This is presented to the boy the officers think has made a significant contribution to the Junior Section through commitment to his squad, group work, company events and competitions. In other words, it is awarded to a boy who has made a positive impact within 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

**2015 Endeavour Award
was James Leckie**

From the day and moment James entered the section he showed dedication, hard work and respect and was also very much a team player and well liked by officers and boys alike.

Vote of Thanks

The parent's night always ends with a vote of thanks to the parents/relatives, officers and boys, without whom there would be no Junior Section. So it seems only fitting that this report ends in the same way.

Parents/Relatives

To the parents and relatives who support the various events that we go to throughout the

year; who ensure that the boys are always smartly turned out; who willingly respond to the various requests for assistance with competitions, achievements and home baking - thank you for all you do, on a Wednesday night and all year round.

The Officers

The Junior Section has a committed team of officers who ensure that the section is well staffed.

The officers make time to get to know each boy and they root for every single one in all of their endeavours (within and out with the BBs). I believe that the loyalty the officers have to the section and their genuine engagement with the boys directly transfers to the boys and enables them to value and feel a strong sense of belonging to 13th Motherwell Junior Section.

The officers are, in my opinion, the foundation of our company and so to Alan Fraser, Gillian Brown, Greg McLaughlan, Stephanie McMurray, Colin Barr and Neil Allan - thank you for all that you do.

I would also like to personally thank Stewart Reid who has been a dedicated Junior Section officer for almost 20 years. Stewart made the difficult decision to step down as an officer this year. At the parents' night, when his 'retirement' was announced he received a standing ovation from the boys and officers; a fitting demonstration of the high regard he is held in by all involved in the BBs at 13th Motherwell. We are fortunate to have had his input for so long and wish him every success and happiness in his future endeavours.

The Boys

Finally, and most importantly my thanks goes to the vibrant group of boys who attend each week. They are the true essence of the Boys Brigade - thank you boys.

Stephanie Crawford - Officer in charge

JUNIOR SECTION HOLIDAY CAMP 2015

At 6.15 pm on the 19th of June 2015 boys and officers from the Junior Section assembled at St Mary's to begin their Annual Holiday Camp. After the mini bus was packed, parents were given an enthusiastic wave goodbye and the homebaking was safely transferred to officer's cars the group set off to the Wellroad Centre in Moffat for a weekend of fun and friendship.

The theme for the weekend was Spies and Secret Agents. On the Friday night after settling into the accommodation and going over the rules for the weekend, the boys took part in various 'in house' games, including Peg tig, Hoopla, Smite and Splashy the Whale (all provided by Mr Crawford) before having a well deserved supper of cakes and pancakes (courtesy of very generous parents and Mrs Mary Crawford - our faithful pancake maker). There then followed a few hours of free time, which, to the officers' disappointment, was not used as a time for quiet reflection and relaxation! After a few hours of muffled laughter and whispers the boys finally settled down and got some sleep - and the officers followed suit.

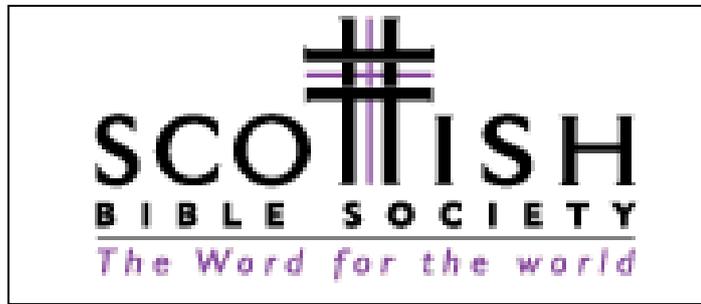
Saturday morning began with an early breakfast, room inspection and then a walk across the fields, expertly navigated by Mr Fraser. By the end of the walk the misty, rainy weather meant that there were several pairs of wet socks and shoes. As a result, on returning to the centre, the boys changed back into their pyjamas and took part in a Junior Section re-creation of the Trojan Horse. After lunch, the Scottish weather underwent a full 180 and the sun shone brightly and radiantly. So after a quick change back into their outdoor gear the boys and officers set off to the local park for football, rounders, ice lollies and a visit from Captain Maxwell. Saturday night was, perhaps unsurprisingly, quieter than Friday night and after a quick trip to the park and a movie the boys went sleepily to bed.

On Sunday morning after a much needed breakfast of rolls and sausages another walk was undertaken, this time the boys and officers ventured along the river, to the skate park and then through the main street. On return to the Wellroad Centre the first ever King of Junior Section Camp was awarded to Toby Ferrie. The officers selected Toby for the award due to the effort and enthusiasm he had shown throughout the weekend. The next few hours whizzed by in a daze of games, packing bags, rolling up sleeping bags and having a good lunch and before we knew it we were on the bus back to St Mary's.

There were so many people involved in the success of the camp and they each deserve a mention:

1. The Kitchen Staff - the kitchen was expertly managed by Colin Laing and John Crawford. Not only did they provide us with excellent meals that were always on time and quickly demolished they kept the kitchen clean and helped the boys make their own lunches.
2. The Officers - my biggest, most grateful thanks goes to the committed band of officers who staffed the camp. The energy and dedication of this core team of officers is undoubtedly the reason why the boys were telling me on the way home that the weekend had been "the best ever". So to Alan Fraser, Greg McLaughlan, Gillian Brown, Alasdair Swanson, Stuart Reid and Sean Crawford - thank you all so, so much.
3. And finally, the Boys - their behaviour was first class throughout the weekend. They took part in all of the activities with good spirits and camaraderie. Their conduct was commendable from the moment they were picked up till they were dropped off. So a very big well done and thank you to them all.

Stephanie Crawford
Junior Section Officer in charge



As I write this report, I take time to look out of the window and pause for thought 'What has happened to our summer weather?' We like to feel the heat of the sun, enjoy wearing summer clothes, have picnics, go places and do the things we can't do in the winter months. However, all is not doom and gloom. We have the beauty of creation around us, land carpeted in green with colourful flowers and plants that always bring cheer to our hearts. All of these because we have *the rain*. So, on reflection, should we not be grateful??

In February the Action Group held a concert, supported by Octave a renowned vocal group, in Crosshill Parish Church. The proceeds were given to 'the Survivors of the Genocide in Rwanda'. This proved to be a great success and the sum of £1,125 was raised.

At the end of August, we are holding a sponsored walk round Strathclyde Country Park and are presently looking for volunteers and sponsors. This event has been brought forward from October because of the inclement weather experienced during past years. A future date to be marked in your diary is Saturday, 27th February, 2016. We are holding a concert and are delighted to have Mark Donnelly and Friends entertain us. This should prove to be a most enjoyable evening.

I regret to report that the annual Flag Day will not take place this year. Diminished help from our churches has been experienced over past years and the decision was made that it could no longer be supported.

Thank you for handing in your old stamps and foreign coins. I am always surprised at the amount this raises - £70/£80 each year. Please don't throw away your used stamps and keep up the good work of saving them and handing them into the office.

Norman Liddle, Community Fundraising Manager from Bible House recently paid me a visit and asked if I would be willing to put a report into the 'Alive and Active' magazine about what the Bible means to me and about fundraising work in the Action Group. This report should appear in the next magazine.

Once more, on behalf of the Action Group, my sincere thanks for your prayers, encouragement and support throughout the year.

With blessings

Margaret Carrol
Motherwell Action Group



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"TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WANT THEM TO TREAT YOU..."
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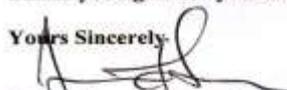
Dear Parishioners

I am writing on behalf of the BASICS food BANK (Lanarkshire) to express our thanks for the generous donation your company gave us in form of food.

We as a Christian charity based in North Lanarkshire rely on donations and grants to sustain the charity and we are so thankful at your willingness to support a food bank charity like ourselves.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours Sincerely


David Shaw (Manager)
E-Mail: basicsfood@hotmail.co.uk
BASICS food BANK (LANARKSHIRE)

**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.

SUMMER CLUB 2015



Yellow duster lions; pipe cleaner spiders; wide mouthed whales; black faced popcorn sheep and chubby ceramic pigs.

Animal Mania had arrived at St Mary's Summer Club! The week-long event was another fantastic success this year and the team is very grateful for the support from the congregation which allows all aspects to run so smoothly. From the security men welcoming our families to the 'sign-in' ladies in charge of the consent forms and the super organised craft experts to the energetic teenage helpers, the team is always full of fun and enthusiasm.

Every morning around 120 youngsters joined us in church for the singing of favourite choruses led by Karen Maxwell before heading to the halls for games and crafts. We divided into 2 large groups: the younger 'Zookeepers' were led by Joanne Morrison and Jennifer Bradshaw. The older 'Explorers', were led by Hazel Graham and Lynn Kelly. Some of this group, along with Robert Neilson, Des Bradshaw and Stuart Davies, spent time on various sports, either indoors or at the Duchess Park. Over the 5 mornings they enjoyed table tennis, football, rounders and playing on the X-box .

Under the expert tuition of Sarah Reilly teams of youngsters also created impressive large-scale models which

were then displayed in the church. These included large lion faces, a life-size model of a sheep and a whale which the children were able to climb inside. This was great fun and helped to illustrate the story of Jonah.

We focussed on a different story each day and the children were entertained by our very able young actors who enacted each drama. On Wednesday members of the summer club team enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by June Graham and her team which allowed us the chance to sit, chat and reflect on the week's work at this mid-point.

The children were especially excited on Thursday as Christopher Graham brought along some of his exotic pets. We met lizards, a turtle, a corn snake, toads, cockroaches and a tree frog. We all listened carefully, some of us closer to the creatures than others, and learned lots about the how these animals feed, sleep and grow. Even with over 150 people and 12 pets in the hall it was the quietest 15 minutes of the whole week!

Another busy week for the youngsters and the leaders; a noisy week with every area in the church building filled with young voices and a highly popular week for our own children and those in the wider community. A successful week - for which we are very thankful.





THE JUNIOR CHOIR

**Starts back on Friday 21st
August**

**Our new 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 and
collect in the
Conference room.**

FLOWER LIST

SEPTEMBER

- 6th Miss Smith & Miss Webster
Mrs E McAusland
- 13th Friends of Irene Nimmo
Mrs Loughridge
- 20th Mrs Melrose
- Mrs Ross and Mrs Rankin
Mrs Thomson
- 27th Mrs J Turner
Mrs M Joyce
Mrs Bimbi

OCTOBER

- 4th -
- 11th Mrs A Anderson
- 18th Mrs I Dougal
Mrs J Findlay
- 25th Mrs F Miller
Mrs Currie

NOVEMBER

- 1st Mrs M Graham
Mrs B Hamilton
Mrs L Huggins
Mrs J Weir
- 8th Mrs S Sinclair
Mrs A Corbett
- 15th Mrs M McCloy
- 22nd Mrs M McDonald
Miss J Graham
- 29th Mr S Dick

DECEMBER

- 6th Mrs S Carswell
The Guild
- 13th Mr W Wotherspoon
Mrs Williams
Mrs I Scott
- 20th Mrs M Wilkie
Mrs M Jarvie
- 27th Mrs F Renwick
Mrs Earl



June Graham - Flower Convener

FORTHCOMING SERVICES



September	20	11.00 am	Sacrament of Holy Communion
October	4	11.00 am	Harvest Thanksgiving
October	11	11.00 am	Guild Service of Dedication 50th Anniversary of Men's Fellowship
November	8	11.00 am	Remembrance Service
	22	11.00 am	Boys' Brigade Dedication Service

