

Christ's Kirk Chronicle

Glenrothes Christ's Kirk

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August 2018

Do This in Remembrance of Me



The Sacrament of Holy Communion
will be celebrated here at
Christ's Kirk on the
26th August 2018
Everyone is invited to attend.
The service begins at **10.30am.**



The service will be conducted by Rev Alex Forsyth

Prayer Call

Listening God,
we pray for your Church:
in its fragility and its strength;
in its nurture and in its mission;
in its pilgrimage and its establishment;
in its traditions and its newness..
that it may continue to be what it has
always sought to be -
a light in the darkest of places;
a healing for broken lives;
a hope for a searching world.



As in Christ's presence
people found healing and calm,
we pray for those left feeling betrayed
or left behind,
whose hearts are filled with anger.
People who face days of illness and
treatment,
Or whose earthly life draws to a close,
all who long for comfort and peace
in the storms of their life.



Guild News.

The outing to Dunkeld on Saturday 23rd June appears to have gone down well with everyone. Owing to the traffic delay on the A9, our time in Birnam and Dunkeld was limited. However, the weather was good, the company good, the scenery beautiful and the meal in Perth most enjoyable – nice meringues!



Although, we are currently on our summer break, the syllabus for the 2018 – 2019 session is being prepared.

Dates to note:

1st Sept The Annual Gathering will be held in the Caird Hall, Dundee. Four members expect to attend and are hoping to meet up with our Guild partners from St. Andrew's Church, Arbroath. A wonderful opportunity to share fellowship.

7th Oct The Guild Dedication at morning worship.

8th Oct 2pm - Speaker - Rev. David Denniston.

22nd Oct 2pm - Speaker – Andrew Dowsey, from the Glenrothes Archives Department.

Ron McDougall, the Guild treasurer has recently tendered his resignation, due to ill health. Ron has been looking after our financial affairs so professionally and efficiently for several years and is a valued Guild member, always guiding us to make wise decisions. We are grateful to him for his loyal service, friendship and commitment.

We remember, with affection, Jean Forsyth, who passed away recently and extend our condolences to Alex and family. Jean's presence at meetings and her musical expertise were greatly appreciated.

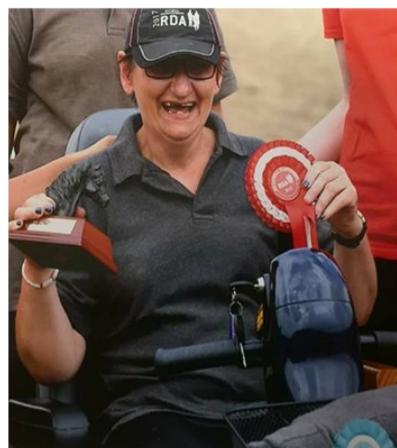
This is the first year of a new triennium in the life of the Guild with the strategy --- “One journey, Many Roads” and the theme for this year being “Seeking the Way”. Also there are 6 new projects for consideration.

As we look ahead to the new session it would be heartening to see some new faces at our meetings. All welcome.

Jenny Catlin

Lightning does strike twice

You may recall in the August edition of the Christ's Kirk Chronicle last year we featured one of our members winning the Novice section of the National Championship of the Riding for the Disabled Association Carriage Driving in Gloucestershire. Well, Linda Farquhar (pictured with her trophy) went back to Hartbury, and with the help of the horse Ozzy has won the Intermediate title this year.



Congratulations Linda, and good luck when you attempt the hat-trick next year.

Ally's update

Dear Friends at Christ's Kirk,

I hope that you are enjoying the summer. With joint services, some holiday clubs across town and various transition activities across the Glenrothes schools, summer is a time that I very much enjoy. I have also really enjoyed meeting David Denniston, and I'm sure that you will have too.



As I'm sure many of you are aware, summer has also been a very special time for me in another way - and I'm not just talking about the World Cup. Jennifer and I are so delighted to announce that Ruaridh Andrew Stark was born on Thursday 24th May at 2.28pm, weighing 8lb 7oz. We are all happily settling into family life and are absolutely besotted with Ruaridh. He is such a precious and wonderful gift.

He is already so contented and is enjoying settling into his new home with us and Simba (our cat) who is already taking the role of 'big brother' very seriously (and cautiously).

I do look forward to sharing stories and pictures with you all when I see you. We are also very grateful for all of the kind words and the prayers.

Looking forward to catching up with you all when I see you.

All the best,

Time For a Cuppa



Have you time for a chat?

This venture has now been up and running in The Jim Cumming Hall since the middle of May and it is good to see so many from the community in North Glenrothes and other areas coming through the door.

The team look forward to a Monday morning, preparing, serving then having a chat with all who arrive.

The time of opening is 10 till noon. Why not come along, bring a friend, there is an activity table for younger children.

See you soon

Time For a Cuppa team.



Points to ponder

“God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains; it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”

C. S. Lewis

Foodbank

Matthew 25, vv 35-36: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." v 40: "... whatever you did for one of these brothers of mine, you did for me."



The Trussell Trust is the poverty charity founded on these Christian principles. It runs a UK network of over 400 Foodbanks which provide a minimum of three days' emergency food supplies and other support to people in crisis. There were 1,332,952 of these in 2017/18! And 484,026 of these went to children! A 13% increase.

Hence this appeal to Christ's Kirk members to regularly donate food - or give financial support - to your own local Glenrothes Foodbank.

Hunger and poverty are not a new historical event - whereas the Glenrothes Foodbank IS a new event. No one would wish the need for the Glenrothes Foodbank - but also no one would wish the Foodbank to be empty.

Like other Foodbanks, the Glenrothes Foodbank staff know that hunger is more than about food. They try to help people in crisis to break the cycle of poverty - with, for example, advice on money, housing, jobs and health.

Readers of the Chronicle are reminded of the words of Jesus in Matthew 25 as above - "whatever you did for one of these my brothers you did for me."

GROW

As I write this, we are well on the way to the end of the school year and I can hardly believe that it's been almost two years since I started my time with GROW. When I look back over the last few months, there is so much to give thanks to God for and it's a privilege to be able to share some of that with you now.



Back in February we took several children and young people, from Glenrothes, to Lendrick Muir where they were joined by other children and teens from across Fife, Perth & Kinross. It was very encouraging to see the children and young people exploring God's word and learning more of his love for them. Most of the children and young people who came from Glenrothes are still fairly new to SU weekends and it was great to see them make new friends and enjoy the environment and activities that Lendrick Muir can offer. It was particularly encouraging, for me, to hear some of the older teens, share with their peers, the difference Jesus has made to their lives.

I am very pleased to be able to report that we have started our new intergenerational project, Gener8, at Glenwood High School. The pilot course will see two groups of people (one younger and one older) attend a series of workshops exploring stereotypes, family and technology, before coming together for three afternoons of fun and mutually beneficial activities. Thank you to all of you who have donated old technology to the project and I was able to give a more detailed report at the AGM.

Recently I had the privilege of going back to Glenwood High to lead the certificate RMPS class through a revision lesson, exploring origins and a Christian view on creation. I was joined by Rev David Smith from St. Ninian's Church and Liam Morton, the youth worker for Collydean Baptist Church. One of the pupils commented that they "liked the fact that [we] were able to break down what [they] have been taught a bit more." They continued stating "it definitely helped me understand things a lot better."

Pray that God would guide us and that the children and young people would come to know more of his amazing love for them.

Extract from GROW newsletter.



Points to Ponder

In a world full of people who couldn't care less, be someone who cares more.

~Author Unknown ~

Fundraising

After the holiday break, the Coffee mornings are back on track on the second Saturday of every month. The next one is 11th August from 10am - 12noon. Come along and enjoy some home baking and a chance to catch-up with old friends and also make some new ones.

If anyone has an idea for a fundraiser please speak to any elder and they will pass it on for consideration.

A Blast from the Past

In the 1980's, Christ's Kirk had a thriving Sunday school with approximately 100 children attending, from crèche to Bible class.

A staff of 14 teachers were responsible for all of these age groups, with Grace Winton (seated in the picture) being superintendent for 7 years.

Nine former teachers met at Cluny Clays for lunch on 13th June to catch up with each other's news and to reminisce. It was a very successful event with much chat and laughter.

Grace Winton



Newsletter by email

If you would like to receive future publications of the church newsletter electronically, please send an email with your name and home address (your email address will be at the head of your email) along with a short notification to the newsletter editor at christskirkglenrothes@yahoo.com and we will send it to you.

If anyone would like to join our team, please speak to me or get in touch at the email address above,

Ian Morgan



Points to Ponder

“Nothing, how little so ever it be, if it is suffered for God’s sake, can pass without merit in the sight of God.”

What's On!



Forthcoming events

"Time for a Cuppa"	Every Monday from 10am - 12noon
Coffee Mornings	2nd Saturday every month 10am—12 noon 11th August 8th September 13th October 10th November
Guild Meetings	Sunday 7th October @ 10.30am - Dedication Service Monday 8th October @ 2pm Monday 22nd October @ 2pm

Pastoral Care

If you know of anyone in need of Pastoral Care please get in touch or fill in the form on the table at the rear of the church and pass it on to a member of the Pastoral Care team.

Bible Readers Required

Volunteers are required to read during the Sunday services. If you are interested please add your name to the list at the rear of the church.



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