

Christ's Kirk Chronicle

Glenrothes Christ's Kirk

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September 2023

Prayer Call (supplied by Rev McNaught)

Blessing and Thanksgiving

O Thou who through the light of nature hast aroused in us a longing for the light of grace, so that we may be raised in the light of Thy majesty, to Thee, I give thanks, Creator and Lord, that Thou allowest me to rejoice in Thy works.

Praise the Lord ye heavenly harmonies, and ye who know the revealed harmonies.

For from Him, through Him and in Him, all is, which is perceptible as well as spiritual; that which we know and that which we do not know, for there is still much to learn.

Johaann Kepler, 1571 - 1630

German astronomer

God of light and love,
You created us for both joy and suffering.
You came into the world
as our Brother and Saviour.
You abide with us in the Holy Spirit,
the Comforter.
Be with us in our speaking and our thinking
and our hearts and souls,
today and this week,
in Jesus' name.
Amen

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion originally planned for 27th August will be celebrated
on 3rd September 2023 at 10.30am**

Do This in Remembrance of Me

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

will be celebrated here at

Christ's Kirk on

26th November 2023 at 10.30am



The Guild News



I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer although it has been a bit wet at times, thankfully we have not had the extreme heat and awful wild fires. I hope September will be a drier month.

Guild meetings are held every second Monday at 2pm with the first meeting on Monday the 9th of October, when the guest speaker will be Rev Willie McCulloch.

Forthcoming meetings

9 th October	Rev Willie McCulloch
23 rd October	Street Pastors
6 th November	David Cooper - speaking about holidays
20 th November	Evlyn Allsop & Rev Sam McNaught
4 th December	Christmas lunch

The Guild are always looking for new members. Please come along and enjoy a lovely afternoon with friends.

Hope to see you all then.

Madeline

Music in the church

Ron Page, who has served Christ's Kirk as our organist several times over the years has now finally retired. A presentation was made to him last month.

We have purchased a digital music box from which all the music will be played. It is a bit of a learning curve for those using it so I would ask everyone to be patient with us as we get to grips with this new technology.



Haven café

St. Columba's have now restarted their Haven café after the Summer break. It is held every Wednesday from 11.30am until 2pm. Come along and enjoy a cuppa among friends.

Working at Prayer

God grant me: Composure when I am under pressure
 Competence in dealing with problems
 Clarity in the midst of confusion
 Serenity when I am stressed
 And the blessing of Your peace. Amen.

Moderator's update

Dear Friends

I hope you have had a relaxing summer and enjoyed worshiping with our partner churches. Not great weather in July or the first part of August but maybe we will get a late summer. We live in Scotland so what can we expect? We can be grateful that we don't experience extreme weather like other areas of the world.

I was thinking about the changes we are all facing in the Church of Scotland. This led me to the start of Jesus ministry; he called his first disciples. Some of whom were fishermen.

Have you ever gone fishing? Did you go fishing over the summer? I have never gone fishing but I know there are certain things you need if you want to catch fish. What if you forgot to take one of these things with you? Would you be able to catch any fish? Everything you need to go fishing works together to help you catch fish.

Jesus says he is going to make us fishers of men. How are we going to do this? When we go fishing with Jesus, we fish for people. Jesus wants us to tell others about what he has done for us and what he wants to do for them.

He doesn't ask us to do this alone, the job is much easier when we work with other people and when we have all of the equipment we need. Sometimes that's not easy to do, because we the workers are few, or we are set in our ways and to think differently and work differently is not easy.

We are being asked as a congregation to work together with other congregations in the Covenanted Partnership. Some folks are probably saying but we have always worked with other congregations and that is true. What we are being asked as a congregation now is to consider working even closer and becoming one. This would mean sharing our resources and talents. It would mean we would no longer be an individual congregation but part of a larger congregation with a new identity but still serving our community.

Your Kirk Session has been working hard, attending meetings at the Covenanted Partnership ensuring Christ's Kirk is included in discussions.

Jesus didn't work alone but sought help from the local people. He chose his disciples from ordinary backgrounds. He knew it is hard if you have to do all the work yourself.

It is easier if we work together. The apostle Paul tells us that we have to work together and be united in our faith in Christ. When we work together, we can do great things.

May we continue to work and pray that together we build stronger bonds with our partner congregations and continue to show God's love in our communities.

God Bless,

Margaret,

Margaret Mateos, Interim Moderator

Finance

The summer services are now over and we are back to worshipping in our own buildings once again. The month of July showed a loss in the month of £1913, which was expected and was primarily due to the loss of income from both our Sunday worship and our hall lets being less during the holiday period. The overall income and expenditure during the first seven months of the year show an overall deficit of £672.33. We have managed to repay £4696.80 of the ministries and mission error leaving a remaining balance of £3757.77 which is still on target to be paid in full by the year end.

Income Jan – July	£28613.58
Expenditure Jan – July	<u>£29285.91</u>
Deficit	<u>£ 672.33</u>

Our new music system to replace the live organ music is now in operation and has been paid in full at a cost of £2824.97. This has had an impact on our General account balance which now sits at £17,747.92, however it means moving forward we will not have the monthly organist expenditure.

Our current tenants at the manse have bought a house and should have moved out at the end of August. It was initially thought that we could just advertise for new tenants but we have since discovered that we need to obtain permission from General Trustees before this can proceed. New legislation introduced by the Scottish Government during covid has resulted in permission to rent out manses being withdrawn, so it may well be that we will be unable to do this again which would have a huge impact on our income in the last quarter of the year. We are currently in discussion to try and obtain permission to relet, otherwise the burden to heat and maintain the building will once again add to our costs.

Rose

Fabric

I'm sure you may have noticed that the church grounds are looking much better. We have now managed to acquire a gardener to look after the gardens and he has been busy cutting and pruning and catching up on a lot of much needed work despite the wet weather we have been experiencing.

Pastoral Care

If you know anyone who would like a visit or the flowers from the Sunday service please get in touch with a member of our Pastoral Care Team.

Out of the mouth of babes

One Sunday after church, a young boy announced to his mother, "Mum, I'm going to be a minister when I grow up."

"Great, what made you decide that?"

Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church anyway, and I think it will be more fun to stand up and shout than sit still and listen"

GROW

I'm delighted to announce that after several years trying to find a suitable GROW Worker we have now been able to find the worker God has planned for us.



Fiona Tucker was inducted on Monday 14th August as our GROW Worker at her office on the top floor in the Glenrothes Baptist Church's building. She has a great deal of experience through her work with children and young people as she previously was a schoolteacher. Her commitment is working with the Glenrothes churches and schools. She is very approachable and is keen to be able to meet members of our congregation!

We look forward to welcoming her as soon as possible.

The GROW AGM will be held on Thursday 14th September in St Columba's at 6.30pm for 7pm. A warm invitation is extended to all interested in the work of GROW. Please let me know if you wish to attend.

Wilma

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@ ST COLUMBA'S
CHURCH**

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(EVERY WEDNESDAY THEREAFTER)

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Bloopers & blessings

Sunday School

As they were going back into church for the last hymn, a Sunday School teacher asked her group, "Do you think you could be really quiet?"

One little girl asked, "Is that because people are sleeping?"

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It was a Bank Holiday weekend and there was a long queue to get petrol. The garage attendant said "If people know they are going on a trip, why do they always leave it until the last minute to get ready?"

"I know just what you mean, it's like that in my job too" said the vicar.

Dates for your diary

Harvest Thanksgiving	Sunday 1st October
Guild	Monday October 9th at 2pm
	Monday October 23rd at 2pm
	Monday November 6th at 2pm
	Monday November 20th at 2pm
Communion	Sunday 26th November 2022 at 10.30am



Coffee mornings

Due to diminishing numbers attending we are suspending the coffee mornings for the time being. We will assess it again in the Spring.

Family news	Bill Corner	died 15 th June 2023
	Graham Challis	died 28 th June 2023
	Logan Bowie	baptised 27 th August 2023

Harvest Thanksgiving

The service of Thanksgiving will take place on Sunday 1st October 2023. There will be a lunch after the service. Tickets costing £5 will be available shortly.

Peace Walk

This will take place on Wednesday 8th November. Walkers will leave from the secondary schools to assemble at the memorial opposite the town centre for 7pm.

Newsletter by email

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

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