

OUTREACH

RENFREW NORTH PARISH CHURCH

2024 – summer edition

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Dear Friends,

Time really seems to fly by. At the time of writing, we are heading towards the end of April. The time of Lent and preparation for the Easter period seems so long ago, and Pentecost Sunday will be coming up soon.

The sacrificial death of Jesus and his resurrection will be complemented by the coming of God's Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This was to be a time of energy and passion, a time from when all followers of Jesus would be filled with God's power, with God's strength, with God's compassion. To be filled with the Holy Spirit to enable them/us to carry out our calling as followers of Jesus. It was an important time. God was declaring that we really do have our part to play in making this world a better place, and what better way to do it than be equipped with all that we need to get the job done! The Holy Spirit also challenges us and stirs us up. Stirs us from complacency and bad attitudes and challenges us to strive towards dreaming dreams and putting into practice the visions we may have. Recently, the Kirk session met for a day to consider mission here at Renfrew North. We will soon be in a position to share with you a common Vision Statement to help us with the mission to which God is calling us. These are exciting times indeed!

Speaking of time flying by, it is nearly 11



months since the scaffolding was put up at the front of the church. I am pleased to say that the stained-glass window and surrounding stonework has been repaired, the scaffolding has gone and we can once again see the beautiful colours of the glass when the sun is streaming through it. Our thanks to all the contractors who were involved in making this happen and our thanks to the General Trustees for making funds available to complete the work.

Every blessing

Philip

Property

Some great news that the work on our stained-glass window is complete and the scaffolding has been removed from inside and outside the church. A huge amount of work has gone into the repair with the replacement of the central mullion and tracery stonework, the safe removal and clearing of the stain glass window and the new secondary glazing on the outside. Additionally, the cinquefoil rose window at the top of the front of the church has had its central section removed and restored and replaced. We thank all the contractors involved in this massive job, we also thank our cleaners, Mandy and Margaret who have cleaned the inside of the church and balcony making it good to be used again.

Other work that has been completed includes the upgrading of the church lanterns for which we thank the Men's Club for their donation towards the cost of this. I can also report that thanks to The Guild, the manse

will have new curtains in the front rooms by the time you read this. We are looking for volunteers to help with all the ongoing maintenance of the building, if you have any free time to assist with many types of work, please get in touch with myself.

Andrew

Andrew Scott
Property Convenor



We have small amount girls this term going to county camp in tent also we are doing a guess the teddy bears birthday which is now opened to the general public to finish the diary, there is a handful of dates left in every month, £1 a date. Thanks.

2nd Renfrew guiders

Diary

- 2 June** – Renfrew Town Fete
- 5 June** – Kirk Session – 7 pm
- 9 June** – Sacrament of Holy Communion – 11 am
- 9 June** – Informal Communion in Small Hall – 1 pm
- 24-26 Jul** – Holiday Club for Primary School children
- 10 Aug** – Messy Church – time TBD
- 1 Sept** – Morning Worship, start of Junior Church – 11 am
- 4 Sept** – Congregational Board – 7 pm
- 8 Sept** – Sacrament of Holy Communion – 11 am
- 27 Sept** – McMillan Coffee Morning – 10 am



The 2nd Renfrew Brownies have had a busy term including a fantastic fundraiser. This was well attended by family and friends of brownies and guiders and money raised is going to support the cost of pack holiday as well as the running of the weekly programme. A huge thank you to all who supported this event!

The Brownies have been working on their "Be Well" Theme Award. We have also had new Brownies make their promise! Brownies made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and each week complete badgework and play games. We have also been planning for Pack Holiday by creating decorations for our Under the Sea Theme. We are nearly at the end of this session but welcome new members who would like to start in September. Please contact Valerie Wallace for further information.

Valerie

Brown Owl
Valerie Wallace

1st/3rd Renfrew Boys' Brigade



As I am writing this, we are heading towards the end of another session culminating in our Annual Display on Friday 17th May and our Weekend Camp to YHA Ninebanks, near Hexham. It has been a challenging session with varying numbers in the Company with the effects of not recruiting for two years due to the pandemic taking effect. We have not had any President Badge recipients this session or next, however we have two successful Queen's Badge recipients who will be presented at our Annual Display in Sean Kerrigan and Kieran Barr whom we congratulate on achieving this great award, and possibly the last recipients of the Queens Badge as all being well from next session it will be The Kings Badge will be in operation and we should have two recipients if all goes to plan.

As ever we appreciate the support that we receive as part of Renfrew North and hope everyone has a great summer.

Andrew

Andrew Scott
Captain

Thanks

The family of Nan Hill would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Reverend Philip Wallace for his beautiful and uplifting service honouring her life. We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to all who attended Nan's funeral. Your presence and support were a source of strength and comfort for us all.

The Ladies of Renfrew and Govern Inner Wheel would like to thank the members of the congregation who continually support us in recycling the following items:

Stamps for Save the Children

Spectacles for Sight Savers

Ink Cartridges for various charities

We also collect soda can ring pulls for the Purple Community Fund (PCF) in the Philippines where the nifty fingers of the young women there turn them into bags and other items they sell.

Thanks also must go to the ladies in the Coffee Bar who are knitting squares for blankets for the Hamlin Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia. This work was brought to a standstill during Covid but we were contacted recently and asked to help.

Thank you all for your dedication in helping needy people the world over.

June Newlands

Many thanks to all who have supported the Sunday Christian Aid Coffee Lounge in any way. Last year we made £3,000 for Christian Aid and hopefully we will be able to do the same this year.

We used to have eight groups to make the coffee every week but now there are only five. Anyone willing to help please give your name to Annette Russell.

Junior Church

After another very successful Easter Sunday Breakfast, where we welcomed dozens of folks prior to the main service, the leaders and young people put their minds to planning the closing service for 19 May. This was Pentecost Sunday, a joyous celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit, enabler and comforter for all believers. Here we are pictured preparing.



Pentecost Sunday



Books, certificates, and tokens were presented to the children and young people this year by Adaye Goziem-Ibonye, our probationer minister.

What now?... there's lots happening!

Ice Cream Sundays – From Sunday 2 June to Sunday 25 August this will be in place of Junior Church. All ages of young folk are welcome.

Family and Friends Sunday – On Sunday 26 May, there will be a fun morning which Junior church members can invite their friends and family.

Holiday Club – Wednesday to Friday 24-26 July, a three-day summer holiday club for all Primary school aged children.

Messy Church – Saturday 10 August. For all the family. Watch out for more details.

Loungers are a group of young people who meet on Sunday morning at 11 AM where we participate in the start of the service then have a breakfast of filled rolls followed by activities including discussions on faith, quizzes, card games. We have recently been working on their contribution to the young people led prize giving service in May. Some Loungers also helped on the stall at the recent church coffee morning. We are nearly at the end of this session but welcome new members who would like to start in September. Please contact Valerie Wallace for further information



The Guild

Once again, we have come to the end of the session. We had a varied programme including

interesting speakers and musical nights, enjoyed by the Guild and guests.

Two firsts this year: We held our Christmas Celebration Coffee and Candles in the church where members of the congregation joined us and in March we hosted the World Day of Prayer in Renfrew North. This year's service was prepared by the Christians in Palestine and we were joined by representatives of other Renfrew churches to offer prayers and support. Both services were streamed, enabling those unable to attend to join with us.

This year also had its sad moments when we had to say goodbye to Nan Hill who passed away in January. Nan was a respected

member of the Guild, working for over 75 years to support the Guild and its projects. Our last night was a Daffodil Tea with music by Compass. It was a happy night to finish the session. Nan knew the Guild very well and we all enjoyed cake provided on Nan's behalf – lots of happy memories.

This is the last deadline I will need to meet for Outreach. I am retiring as Guild Secretary. Lynn Ross will take over and we are looking forward to her programme.

As this is the summer issue of the magazine the Guild wishes everyone a happy, relaxed summer. The new session of the Guild begins in the autumn – watch out for further details in the September Outreach.

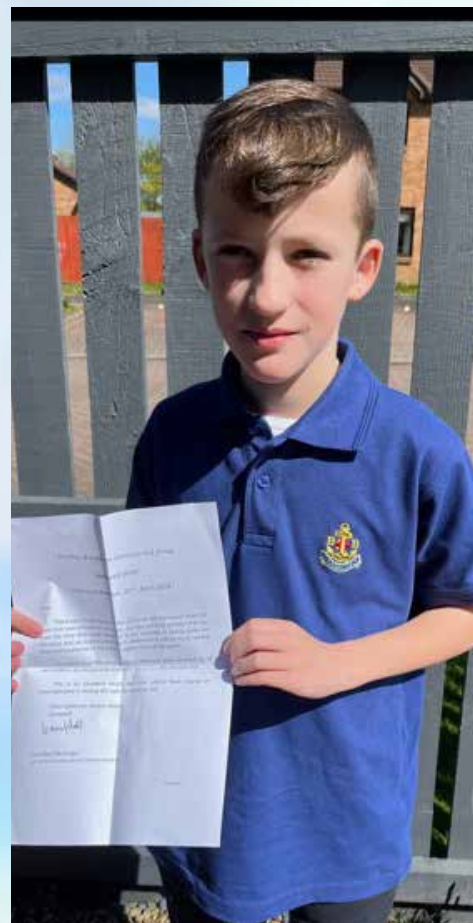
Cathie

**Cathie Cameron,
Secretary**

Christian Aid

Our Songs of Praise on Sunday 24th March was well attended and a great night was had by all as we enjoyed an evening of joyful praise accompanied by the Renfrew North praise band and Alive Singers. On the night we raised £600.

Our annual sponsored walk around Robertson Park was held on Saturday 20th April. It was a beautiful day for our stewards and walkers and we raised the grand total of £1,600. Our thanks go out to all who participated in any way. Pictured is BB Junior Section member Kyle McLaren with his thank you letter for completing the walk.



New Faces

My name is Adaeze Ifechukwu Goziem-Ibonye. I was born in the eastern part of Nigeria, I have a BSc in Public Administration and a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from Nigeria.

I am married to Chukwugoziem Ibonye and we are blessed with two daughters Zara and Zuri.

I moved to Glasgow in 2008 to study at the University of Glasgow where I obtained an MSC in Human Resource Management and later a Bachelors in Divinity as part of my training for the Minister of Word and Sacrament.

I served at Killermont Parish Church in Bearsden as a family pastor for ten years,

before answering the call to Train as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.

It was inspiring and an honour serving with different congregations as a candidate in training. I have also been privileged to serve part of my Probation with our Ministry Partners, Church of South India for 3 months. My months here in Renfrew have been a blessing, I am grateful to be the Probationary Minister of this amazing family of God that is closely knitted into one.

I excited to continue serving and enjoying the warm fellowship and love I have been extended since I started my Journey in Renfrew North Parish. Shalom Adaeze.

Assistant Minister's Letter



This year our holiday club has moved from the start of the school holidays to mid-way through them and we've decided to run the club ourselves over 3 days rather than 5. The club starts on Wednesday 24th and runs until Friday 26th July. We are still looking for volunteers who have their PVGs or are happy to apply for one and need a team of a dozen helpers to run registration, be group leaders, musicians, dramatists, craft, and games leaders as well as people to serve juice and snacks.

When I was ordained 18 months ago, you may recall that the congregation gave

me a gift of a home communion set. So far, I haven't used it, but I plan to rectify this in the coming months. If you would like to have communion at home, and can't attend our in-person communion services, or if you know of someone else in this position, then please get in touch and I can arrange to come to you and celebrate communion with you.

Dougie

**God bless,
Dougie**

Deaths

Mrs Johanna Sinclair
Mrs Annie Hill (Nan)
Mrs Ellen Wilson
Mrs Pat Lindsay
Mrs Ann Hillan
Mrs Edna Buick
Mrs Ann Gordon
Mrs Isobel Trail

Baptism

31 March 24 – Sofia Mary Margaret Conway

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Forget-Me-Not Café

The Forget-Me-Not Café is open every Wednesday afternoon between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm. The café is for anyone living with Dementia and their family, carer, or friends. Presently, people attend from all over Renfrewshire. Carers are welcome to stay or take a couple of hours to themselves while their relative enjoys the entertainment or activities that are on at the café, of course, there is also a cuppa and treats. There is no charge to attend the café and it is open all year, only closing over Christmas and New Year.

FMN Cafe Co-ordinators

Welcoming Groups

May 12, June 23, August 4, September 15

David Henderson, Lynn Ross, Marion Weir

May 19, June 30, August 11, September 22

Catherine Adamson, Elizabeth Bruce,
Jim Bruce, Stewart Gilchrist

May 26, July 7, August 18, September 29

Gordon Ferguson, Marian Ferguson,
Sandra Kerr, Lesley McFarlane

June 2, July 14, August 25, October 6

Scott Mitchell, Mary Dempster,

Lesley Smith, Jack Winch

June 9, July 2, September 1, October 13

Rena Bradley, Alistair Corkindale,
Marion Wallace

May 5, June 16, July 28, September 8

Marion Henderson, Stuart Irving,
Sheila Love, Robert Parker



Coffee Bar



Open every Monday, Wednesday & Friday
10am - 12pm
£1.80

Unlimited Coffee and Tea
with a selection of cake and biscuit goodies available each day

Volunteers to help run the coffee bar will be made most welcome.



Prayer Group

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th June. A strawberry cream tea will be provided at 12 noon. The meeting itself will start at 1.00pm and finish at 2.00pm.

The theme for the meeting is Pentecost – the birthday of the church. The meeting will be led by Sheila. Some communal prayers will be printed out on handouts. There will also be a time for personal prayers and reflection.

There is a prayer box situated on the corridor wall outside the coffee bar hall where personal prayers can be posted. These prayers will be read out by Sheila at the meeting. For more information, please contact Sheila Love. All welcome!

Sheila

Sheila Love



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