

# OUTREACH

RENFREW NORTH PARISH CHURCH

2025 – summer edition

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## Dear Friends,

I have been reminded recently of the importance of milestones. I reached a particular birthday milestone in March and enjoyed celebrating it. Thanks to you all for your messages of congratulation as well as your generous gifts and cards. But what of the importance of milestones? They help us to mark where we have been and where we are going. Reflecting on the past can usually help us to map out the future.

Over the past few weeks, we have commemorated and celebrated some of the important milestones in the life of the Christian church. Lent, during which we reflected upon the preparations made by Jesus for his ministry; and of course, the events of Holy Week: the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, the crucifixion on Good Friday and the resurrection joy of Easter Sunday. These are events or milestones that define the basis of our faith.

We now look ahead to Pentecost Sunday which this year falls on our Communion Sunday in June. Pentecost is another time of joyous celebration when we acknowledge the time that Jesus sent his Holy Spirit upon all believers,



which would encourage, stimulate, strengthen and deepen their faith. The Holy Spirit gives that boost or encouragement that enables us to fulfil our calling as followers of Jesus Christ. I pray that you are encouraged and sustained in your own calling to follow Jesus Christ and that through your lives the Kingdom of God is grown.

Every blessing

*Philip*

## Diary

- 1 Jun** – Evening Service – 6:30pm
- 4 Jun** – Kirk Session – 7pm
- 7 Jun** – Summer Fayre – 1pm to 3pm
- 8 Jun** – Sacrament of Holy Communion – 11am
- 8 Jun** – Informal Sacrament of Holy Communion – 1pm
- 30 Jun** – Coffee Morning in Aid of Renfrew Food Bank – 10am
- 3 Sept** – Congregational Board – 7pm
- 7 Sept** – Evening Service – 6:30pm
- 14 Sept** – Sacrament of Holy Communion – 11am
- 14 Sept** – Informal Sacrament of Holy Communion – 1pm
- 26 Sept** – Annual Macmillan Coffee Morning – 10am
- 1 Oct** – Kirk Session – 7pm
- 16 Oct** – Holiday Club – 10am-12pm
- 17 Oct** – Holiday Club – 10am-12pm
- 18 Oct** – Messy Church



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 "Express Yourself" Theme Award. Brownies made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and each week complete badgework and play games. We have also been planning for Pack Holiday and are nearly at the end of this session but welcome new members who would like to start in September. Please register at [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk) or contact Valerie Wallace for further information.

*Valerie*

Brown Owl,  
Valerie Wallace

## A Quiet Corner...

...is a place of discovery where you can learn more about yourself and understand more about God. It can be a place to pray, to reflect, or to simply be.

**He says, "Be still and know that I am God"**  
**Psalms 46:10**

This is our Quiet Corner. Find it in the corner (of course!) of the lesser hall -where coffee is served.

## Sunday Morning Prayer

This is an opportunity to commit all parts of our morning service to God in the 10-15 minutes before church begins. To be still, leaving the concerns and busyness of weekday life aside in readiness for our time of worship together as the Renfrew North community.

**Meet at 10.35-10.50am**

**"Where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them" Matthew 18:20**



# Farewell



It is with deep gratitude and a full heart, that I bid farewell to this beloved congregation of Renfrew North as I step into a new chapter of ministry as a Parish Minister.

Serving among you as a Probationer and then as Assistant Minister has been a profound privilege. I am especially thankful to Rev Philip Wallace the Minister, Church elders, and Leaders who welcomed me with open arms, nurtured my growth, and

continually supported my journey. Your encouragement, love, and unwavering faith in me have been instrumental in shaping the minister I am becoming.

This church has not only been a place of service, but a home—a community where I was truly known, uplifted, and inspired. Thank you for allowing me to walk alongside you, to share in your joys and struggles, and to witness the Spirit of God at work in this place.

As I now follow God's call into a new parish, I carry with me all that you have poured into my life. Though I leave this role, I will always hold this congregation in my prayers and in my heart.

With love, gratitude, and every blessing.

*Adaeze*

Shalom

Adaeze Goziem-Ibonye

## Messy Church



On Saturday 12th April, we went on 'The Journey'; to find out more about Easter with Messy Church. We started with activities including Palm Sundaes, Fig Bibles, Hosanna Streamers, Cross Suncatchers, Stain Glass Windows, Handmade Cards (by Lily) and a Nail craft – yes there were real nails and hammers involved! These linked to various aspects of the Easter Story. There was also a cross of flowers created, which is now on display in the church.

Following the activities the children went on an egg hunt around the church. These held various surprises of chocolate and words which made up a memory verse for the children to learn – 'He is not here, he has risen.' We then shared The Journey of Easter, through 5 dramatic readings highlighting Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, The Garden

of Gethsemane, Good Friday, and the Resurrection. Each section was punctuated with verses from songs which continued to outline 'The Journey'. We finished with afternoon tea including sandwiches, sausage rolls, scones, pancakes, fruit loaves and a plethora of cakes.

Thank you to everyone who came along and made Messy Church possible, it's a whole Team Effort, for the donations, the help, and the prayers, as we strive to carry out our Mission Plan.

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*Sheryll*

Sheryll



## The Guild

Well that's another Guild year come to a close!

Since our last update the ladies have enjoyed several evenings of entertainment. We've enjoyed Orla singing some traditional and some modern tunes and we enjoyed a great evening at the Paisley Players Divas show. We also had an evening of boogie woogie fun with Sharon Forsyth putting us through our paces with some Broadway Boogie dancing/fitness. This was lots of fun and a few weeks ago we had a very entertaining visit from Taylor's Fashions.

Our last official night on Wednesday 23rd April was our daffodil tea and by the time the magazine will be with you the Guild will have been to visit Dalscone Farm in Dumfries. (hopefully no pygmy goats or baby lambs came back as stowaways).

The Guild restarts on Wednesday 8th October; it would be lovely to welcome new members to our number. If you'd like more info, please speak to me or Maureen Tunnicliffe.

*Lynn*

Lynn Ross,  
Secretary

## Renfrew & Inchinnan Christian Aid Group

The Christian Aid Sponsored Walk took place on Saturday 26th April. To date, we have received £900, after all final monies, the final total is expected to be £1100. Thank you to all the walkers and stewards for helping us raise this impressive amount.

Christian Aid Week Begins on Sunday 11 May. All proceeds from the coffee lounge during this week will go to the work of Christian Aid. A grand total of this year's contribution from Renfrew & Inchinnan will be provided in the next edition of outreach.

*Elizabeth*

Thank you,

Elizabeth Sweetin



# Forget-Me-Not Café

On the 27th April 2025, Alison, Irene, Jean & Marjorie took part in the 'wee wander' Kilt Walk, starting in Balloch. The sponsored walk raised £1,823 which will allow us to hire good quality entertainers throughout the year. The average attendance at the café each week is 35. A big thank you to all who sponsored the volunteers and who participated in this fundraiser.

The Forget-Me-Not Café has been running now for over 10 years on a Wednesday afternoon, between 2 and 4 pm 50 weeks of the year. The Café is for anyone living with Dementia, their carers, family, and friends. Presently, people attend from all over Renfrewshire and the Café is supported by the local 'Alzheimer Scotland' group, based in Paisley.

See our Facebook Page Forget-Me-Not Cafe@Renfrew North Parish Church for events over the next few months

## Property

It may still seem like there's not much going on property wise, we are busy planning and preparing for some forthcoming work. As intimated in the previous Outreach, we are working on the Quinquennial Report and seeking quotes for Fire Alarm & Detection system, Emergency Lighting, and a handrail along the length of the entrance ramp to the halls. We have the go ahead for some roof and guttering repairs from the recent storms, although the urgent work was carried out at the front of the sanctuary. The outstanding work at the rear of the halls with the cracks in the render and window cills will also shortly take place.

The manse is currently being looked at with decoration of the Kitchen planned this summer along with looking at the downstairs toilet and main bathroom to see if we can do something there.

We are still looking for help for jobs around the church, such as painting, minor repairs as required, cleaning (outwith the day to day), all small jobs or be part of a team on the bigger projects. If you can help, even for a limited time, please speak to me,

Andrew.Scott@renfrewnorth.org.uk.

*Andrew*

Andrew Scott



It's been a busy time, with boys from all sections enjoying tenpin

bowling, followed by our annual Burns Night with everyone, including our Kirk Session visitors, receiving Haggis, Chips and Imn Bru! Each section has been working on its own programme. Thanks to Philip and Valerie for continuing to lead our Company/Seniors through their Chaplain's Challenge along with developing the boys' faith.

We were full steam ahead for our Display and Prizegiving on Friday 16th May where the boys put on a display of activities to parents, relatives, friends, and guests, culminating in the prize giving. While I can't divulge any winners, I can say what a privilege it will be to present two King's Badges, the first in the modern era for our Company. The recipients are Harris Turner and Fraser McCready who have put in all the work including service in the community, learning new skills, service within the BB and Church, attending a Skills course, and ending with their Completion Residential in March.

We are heading towards our Summer Camp in Dyffryn Ardudwy in Wales this August. We are really looking



forward to it. We are still fundraising to provide activities and transport for the boys, unfortunately we were unsuccessful with our grant applications. By the time you read this we will have had a Coffee Morning, but look out for other fundraising over the coming months. We really do thank the Renfrew North family for all the support you give us, it is invaluable.

*Andrew*

Andrew Scott,  
Captain



## Prayer Group

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held on Tues 3rd June at 12.00 noon for a Strawberry Cream Tea followed by the meeting at 1.00-2.00pm. The theme for the meeting will be The Holy Spirit. Prayers and Readings will be printed out on a handout. Any prayer requests can be handed to Sheila Love or posted in the Prayer Post Box situated on the wall outside the coffee bar. All are welcome! For more info, please contact Sheila.

*Sheila*

Sheila





## Deaths

Shirley Mimmagh  
Doreen Cullen  
Letitia Rooney

## Baptism

6 April – Stevie Sadie Muir  
27 April – Oliver Angus Birney

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## Welcoming Rota

**Jul 6, Aug 17, Sept 28, Nov 9**

Cherry Briggs, Chris Mollins, Lynn Ross,  
Marion Weir

**Jun 1, Jul 13, Aug 24, Oct 5, Nov 16**

Elizabeth Bruce, Jim Bruce,  
Stewart Gilchrist

**Jun 8, Jul 20, Aug 31, Oct 12, Nov 23**

Gordon Ferguson, Marian Ferguson,  
Sandra Kerr, Lesley McFarlane

**Jun 15, Jul 27, Sept 7, Oct 19**

Scott Mitchell, Mary Dempster,  
Lesley Smith, Jack Winch

**Jun 22, Aug 3, Sept 14, Oct 26**

Rena Bradley, Alistair Corkindale,  
Marion Wallace, Aileen Winch

**Jun 29, Aug 10, Sept 21, Nov 2**

Marion Henderson, Stuart Irving,  
Sheila Love, Robert Parker



Junior Church hosted their annual Easter Breakfast on Sunday 20 April. A delicious spread of croissants, pancakes, meats, cheeses, selection of fruit, and French Toast along with bacon were served up. Thank you to everyone who came along to share a time of fellowship and friendship. A special shout out to the people behind the scenes who kept the kitchen running smoothly.

While the Junior Church staff take a well-earned rest, children are welcome to come along to the services in June, July and August where they will enjoy ice cream as part of their activities. To run this, we need volunteers, so if you could help out on a Sunday, please get in touch.

## Junior Church

It has been a busy few months in Junior Church where the focus has been on Lent. We discussed God's Love for us and how, rather than give something up for Lent, we could do something kind and helpful for the people around us and the environment. The children were all given Jelly Beans and encouraged each day to do something kind. They could then put their Jelly Beans in a jar and enjoy eating them when Easter comes. Thanks to Davie, we have now introduced breakfast to the children. This is a good opportunity to discuss their week and to reflect upon the story from the church.



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