

# OUTREACH

RENFREW NORTH PARISH CHURCH

2025 – autumn edition

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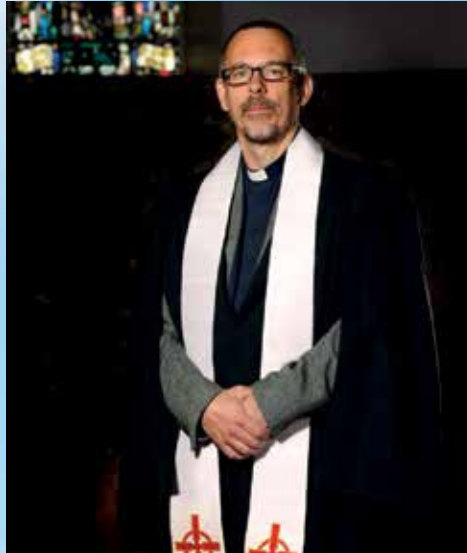
## Dear Friends,

Thanks to all of you who joined us at the church on any one of the three District events towards the end of June, where we joined together to meet up with one another, eat cake and have a blether about the things for which we hope and dream for Renfrew North Church.

It was good too, to read the written prayer requests that had been made in the period 2022-3, during the time that people had attended the afternoon teas at the manse, particularly those prayers that had been answered. Prayers asking that Renfrew North church continues to be open and to be relevant in the Renfrew community and of course, prayers asking that we could return to church to worship and pray after Covid. There were some prayers that asked for God's help for our work with young people, help in our mission to the Renfrew area and beyond, for health and healing and for peace throughout the world, and we ask God that he continue to answer these particular prayers.

Our discussions during these events were about how we see our role in the community, how we encourage family, friends, and neighbours to come to know God for themselves, and how we play our part in all of these areas.

Over the course of the next couple of



months, I will be sharing some of these ideas and encouraging us to play our part in the building up of Christ's kingdom, whether that is through some of the formal plans and ideas, or our own spontaneous conversations with those we meet each day. Above all, we can all pray. We can pray that Renfrew North church continues to grow. We can pray that Renfrew North church continues to care. We can pray that Renfrew North continues to love.

Every blessing

*Philip*

## Diary

- 3 Sep** – Congregational Board – 7pm
- 7 Sept** – Evening Service – 6:30pm
- 13 Sept** – Church Coffee Morning – 10:00am
- 14 Sept** – Sacrament of Holy Communion – 11am, 1pm
- 26 Sept** – Macmillan Coffee Morning – 10am
- 1 Oct** – Kirk Session – 7pm
- 5 Oct** – Harvest Service – 11am
- 5 Oct** – Evening Service – 6:30pm
- 16-17 Oct** – Holiday Club – 10am
- 18 Oct** – Messy Church – 11am
- 26 Oct** – Evening Service – 6:30pm
- 2 Nov** – Classics, Coffee and Cake – 2:00pm
- 5 Nov** – Congregational Board – 7pm
- 9 Nov** – Remembrance Sunday – 11:30am
- 29 Nov** – Christmas Fayre & Christmas Tree Display – 10am
- 30 Nov** – All age & Toy Service – 11am
- 3 Dec** – Kirk Session – 7pm
- 7 Dec** – Evening Service – 6:30pm
- 14 Dec** – Sacrament of Holy Communion – 11am, 1pm
- 21 Dec** – Nativity Service – 11am
- 24 Dec** – Christmas Eve Service – 7:15pm
- 4 Jan** – New Year Communion – 11am, 1pm

## Jack Winch



On 9th June during our morning worship, we said a big thank you to Jack Winch for his service to Renfrew North Church as he stepped down from his role as Session Clerk.

Jack had carried out this role for 10 years and that was preceded by 30 years as the Clerk to the Congregational Board

Jack has particular qualities that were crucial in his role as Session Clerk.

He is a committed and dedicated Christian and a man of honesty and integrity. A diplomat, and a man who listens and offers gentle advice and shares his wisdom when appropriate.

In true Renfrew North style, there was a "Thank you" cake to cut and share at the coffee lounge after the service.

Jack's successors are our new joint Session Clerks: Sheryll Pickering and David Kerr. We welcome them and look forward to their time in this role.

## The Guild



The Guild will start their 25/26 session on Wednesday evening, 8th October. We have a diverse programme lined up for this year. Ladies and gents are both welcome to join in with our meetings and it'd be great to see some new faces joining us this year.

I'll keep this notice short 'n' sweet as we don't meet for a few more months. If you want to know more about our Guild, please speak to either myself or our president Maureen Tunnicliffe.

**Lynn Ross, Secretary**

*Lynn*

## Thank You!

Thank You for your incredible fundraising efforts at the recent coffee morning for Renfrewshire Food Bank. An amazing total of £509.40 was raised. Your dedication and support have made a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

## Men's Association

The Men's Association opened for the 2024/25 session on 2nd September and closed with the AGM on 28th April with 12 regular attendees.

During the session we were visited by residents from Erskine for a domino evening and the usual conversation and supper. This visit was reciprocated in March where we took part in a quiz night. At that visit we were able to donate the sum of £400, which was raised at our annual Quiz Night held in February. We also held a successful coffee morning in February, the income generated being used as the Association's contribution towards the cost of heat and light.

The annual inter-organisation games night was resurrected in March and this once again was an enjoyable evening. Throughout the session the usual activities of dominoes, darts, putting, carpet bowls, pool, and snooker took place with trophies being fiercely competed for.

The new session starts on Monday 1st September 2025 at 7:15pm, to which all old and new members will be warmly welcomed.

*Jim*

Jim Bain, President



## Brownies

2nd Renfrew Brownies ended last session with a pack holiday at Gartocharn. This session is due to

be another exciting year as we continue with our Brownie programme including badgework, crafts and games. We start back on Tuesday 2nd September for those aged 7-10 years. For information on joining please register your child on the parent section of the girlguiding website, email Valerie Wallace at [2ndrenfrewbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:2ndrenfrewbrownies@gmail.com) or alternatively come down and chat to us in person on Tuesdays.



## Boy's Brigade

As I write this, we are heading towards our Summer Camp to Dyffryn Ardudwy, in Wales from 2nd to 9th August. We thank everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts and solely from the proceeds of our Coffee Morning in May and our Lucky Squares (totalling £1300) we have booked two big activities for the boys in Paddleboarding and a trip on a RIB speedboat. These combined with all our other activities should provide us with a great week. I'm sure if you are on social media you will see some of our adventures.

We concluded the session in May with our Annual Display and Prize Giving, an excellent

night to which we congratulate all the boys on putting on an excellent display. We also congratulate all our prize winners for which all are greatly deserved, in particular we celebrate the presentation of our first two King's Badges of the modern era, the highest award achievable in our organisation.

Fraser McCready and Harris Turner are both very worthy recipients having put in, not only the two years of work for their King's Badge alone, but they could never have reached this point without all their previous years of hard work achieving all the badges up till this point.

As we look towards the new session, we need to recruit new members in our Anchors in particular so we will be reaching out to schools and social media in the coming month. Please help us by spreading the word.

We have lots to look forward to this coming session, including our camp in Denmark next July joining with our sister organisation FDF.

*Andrew*

Andrew Scott,  
Captain



## "Our first two King's Badges of the modern era"

## Junior Church

Junior Church spent the last few weeks of the session looking at the story of Creation and this formed the basis for their service which they took on Sunday 18th May. The service started by three of our youngest children following a recipe for making a world including soil, leaves, grass cuttings, plastic toys, glitter and much more. Everyone soon saw that it was a pretty disgusting concoction and the congregation helped the young people realise that to make a perfect world we need God's Love. The older children then took a turn to read verses from Genesis, sharing the story of Creation and everyone joined in by shaking their maracas and saying what a great thing this was, all while the younger people searched for sweets and chocolates which symbolised each part of the story, making a much tastier concoction. We also had our very own Creation Song to the

tune of the Twelve Days of Christmas. The service finished with every young person being presented with a book token and a bookmark with the Lord's Prayer. Thanks must go to Aileen Winch who presented the children with their tokens this year.

Junior Church will return on Sunday 7th September. We welcome any young people to come along and hear about the Love of Jesus through fun and fellowship. Each Sunday starts with a short period in church. This is followed by breakfast and then crafts, games and other activities linked to the theme and/or story for the week. We welcome young people of all ages so why not come along, and see what it's all about. All our volunteers have completed Church Of Scotland Safe Guarding Training and are PVG checked.

## Prayer Group

The first Prayer Group meeting of the new session will be held on Tuesday 9th September. We meet at 12 noon for tea/coffee and home baking. The meeting itself starts at 1pm and ends just before 2pm. The theme is Rededication. Readings and Prayers are printed out on handouts there is also a quiet time for personal prayers, spoken or silent. If you would like me to pray for anyone or any situation, please pass your request to me or pop into the prayer request box on the wall outside church coffee bar.

If you've never been to a meeting before and want to know more, please do contact me. If you don't know me, I'm sure someone on door duty could direct you to me! All welcome.

Sheila

*Sheila*



## Forget-Me-Not Café

On the 27th April 2025, Alison, Irene, Jean & Marjorie (Volunteers) took part in the 'wee wander' Kilt Walk, starting in Balloch.

The sponsored walk raised money to allow us to pay for entertainers throughout the year. The average attendance at the café each week is 35-50. A big thank you to all who sponsored the volunteers and who participated in this fundraiser.

**From July Until end of September, anyone who shops at Tesco's can pick up the Blue Tokens at self-service checkouts and place them in the container and the FMN Café will receive some money from this.**

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, based in Paisley.

See our Facebook Page Forget-Me-Not **Cafe@RenfrewNorthParishChurch** for events over the next few months.

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## Funerals

**13 May – Morag Cullen**  
**2 June – Derek Newlands**  
**9 July – Christine Cumming**

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## Welcoming Rota

**Sept 28, Nov 9, Dec 21, Feb 1**  
Cherry Briggs, Chris Mollins, Lynn Ross,  
Marion Weir  
**Oct 5, Nov 16, Dec 28, Feb 8**  
Elizabeth Bruce, Jim Bruce,  
Stewart Gilchrist  
**Oct 12, Nov 23, Jan 4, Feb 15**  
Gordon Ferguson, Marian Ferguson,  
Sandra Kerr, Lesley McFarlane  
**Sept 7, Oct 19, Nov 30, Jan 11**  
Scott Mitchell, Mary Dempster,  
Lesley Smith, Jack Winch  
**Sept 14, Oct 26, Dec 7, Jan 18**  
Rena Bradley, Alistair Corkindale,  
Marion Wallace, Aileen Winch  
**Sept 21, Nov 2, Dec 14, Jan 25**  
Marion Henderson, Stuart Irving,  
Sheila Love, Robert Parker

## Property

Since our last update we have been working in the background planning for some work at the Manse. We have some decoration plans following the proposed schedule by the Church of Scotland. We are focusing on the kitchen and the bathrooms currently, although we are also looking at drainage issues alongside this.

The big work of the summer has been the redecoration of the Lesser Hall with a change of colour and a freshen up. In coming weeks, we will look at our usual summer jobs of polishing floors and touching up as required. We thank the guys who have all helped on these projects without whom they could not be done.

We are still looking for more volunteers to help with minor maintenance and painting. If you can help – even for a little time – please get in touch.

*Andrew*

Andrew Scott

## Quiet Corner

A Quiet Corner prayer for the end of summer  
HIDE US IN YOUR LOVE

The mist enfolds the hills in its mantle:  
EMBRACE US WITH YOUR LOVE, O LORD

The rain washes the rocks and the leaves:  
CLEANSE US WITH YOUR LOVE, O LORD

The stream flows down to the valley:  
DIRECT US WITH YOUR LOVE, O LORD

The granite tor stands firm:  
ESTABLISH US IN YOUR LOVE, O LORD

The rowan tree clings to the hillside:  
ROOT US IN YOUR LOVE, O LORD

The night veils the moor in darkness:  
HIDE US IN YOUR LOVE, O LORD  
By Simon Taylor

Bare Feet and Buttercups, Ruth Burgess, Wild Goose  
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