



Port Glasgow New Parish Church



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Good News Magazine

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Services for June/July/August '23

11th June	Service of Holy Communion
18th June	Sunday Club Prize Giving
22nd July	Picnic in the Park/ Songs of Praise
9th July	Minister on holiday
16th July	Minister on holiday
6th August	Sacrament of Baptism
10th September	Service of Holy Communion



Sunday Club will stop on Sunday 25th June and restart on Sunday 30th July. Children will still be very welcome in church during the break.

Gift Aid

We are patiently awaiting funds in respect of our Gift Aid claim for the tax year 2022/2023. This costs us nothing. If you simply fill in a form, assuming you pay income tax, an additional 25% of your offerings may be claimed by the Church.



Yes 25%, if you donate just £2 per week for 52 weeks, an extra £25 is claimed free of charge. It's that simple! The more you donate the more the church receives. Just ask Lynne Guthrie for a Gift Aid form and she will give you envelopes so that we can record your weekly amount.

Come on why not sign up now! it's free, so long as you are paying income tax.

From our Minister and Friend – William



Hello everyone, I hope you are all keeping well.

Since our last update our church has been extremely busy. Our halls are now in use 7 days a week from morning until night and I am delighted to welcome the New Parish Playgroup run by one of our new members, Pamela which meets every Thursday.

This has brought a massive number of parents/carers and young children to the church with launch day filling our large hall to capacity (and that is a very big space). I am delighted that Pamela is committed to one of the vows of membership “I promise to give a fitting proportion of my time, talents and money to the churches work in the world.”

Sunday mornings continue to grow too with yet more new faces joining us on a weekly basis. Like Robert our session clerk, I too am struggling to keep up with the number of new faces coming through the door each week, what a great problem to have. There is plenty of space and we would love to see more.

The feedback that we receive from the new faces attending our church is that we are a friendly and welcoming congregation. I love hearing this, we want everyone who comes through our doors perhaps for the first time to feel this way and become part of our church family.



In May this year, we witnessed an historic moment within our country. The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty Queen Camilla. When King Charles entered Westminster Abbey for the first time, his first words were, "In his name, and after his example, I come not to be served but to serve."

Those words are hugely significant. We hear Jesus say these very words when he says, "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Our church is working hard to ensure that we commit to serving our community. From the Parish Playgroup, Lighthouse Wellbeing Group, Dementia Café, Youth and Adult Organisations and so much more, we are open 7 days a week, serving the people of this amazing town.



None of what is happening in our church is down to just one person, it is down to the commitment of every single one of you. I cannot thank you all enough for the amount of time and effort you put in to our church here in the heart of Port Glasgow.

We have a growing, thriving church here and that is thanks to all of you, working hard, planting those seeds and allowing God to grow them.

In my third year as your Minister, I continue to very much enjoy being part of this community and look forward to what the future has in store for us all at Port Glasgow New Parish Church.

Your Minister and Friend – William

New Port Glasgow Play Group



Our new Playgroup is now well established and thriving! Thanks to Pamela and her friends



our halls on a Thursday morning are filled with babies/toddlers,



parents and carers. It is great to see and only works so well thanks to the hard work and organisation of Pamela and her team. This has proved to be a great asset to our Port Glasgow community and our church family. The group meets on a Thursday morning from 10.30 - 12.00. If you require any further information, just come along and enjoy the fun and fellowship. You will be made very welcome.

Christian Aid Soup & Bread Lunch

Sunday 14th May

A very busy hall, everyone waiting for some of Robert's delicious home made soup! Thanks to Robert and all the helpers in the kitchen for a great morning. A total of £480 was raised. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.





Good As New Sale

A huge thank you to Joan McIlhinney and her hardworking team for all their work during the last Good As New. A huge amount of work was carried out before

hand, during the three days and clearing up afterwards. A super total of £1,120 was raised. This amount was used to replace the lino in the ladies/gents toilets

Well done to everyone!



Church Cafe

Our Church Cafe continues to grow from strength to strength. It is great to see so many of our congregation joining for tea and fellowship every Sunday after Morning Worship.



Thanks must go to our great team of volunteers who so willingly help out every Sunday. If you would like to be added to the rota, speak to Sheena Mac or Frances.

Thanks also to those who regularly donate biscuits and to everyone who adds a donation to the basket.

Due to your generosity, it has been possible to purchase a new oven & hob at a cost of £1,000. 6



The Lighthouse Wellbeing Group/Talking Together –

Our Lighthouse Wellbeing Group which features, Walking Football, Walk, Talk and Breakfast and our newly launched Talking Together, continues to grow. In April, we launched Talking Together at the Tesco Port Glasgow Café.

We wanted to create a new group that allowed people to come together, chat, catch-up, meet new people and find support. The idea behind using the Tesco Café was about finding a place outwith a church, to try and attract people within our community who might not perhaps come to or be familiar with a church building. We thought Tesco would be ideal because it is where everyone in our community is gathering for shopping and meeting friends.



At our first meeting we had a guest speaker from Compassionate Inverclyde who talked to us about the amazing work that they are doing within our community.

Compassionate Inverclyde aims to transform attitudes and everyday practices around loneliness, social isolation, death and bereavement across Inverclyde. The programme is about enabling and nurturing kindness, helpfulness and neighbourliness in Inverclyde. It is about creating the conditions where ordinary people help ordinary people. 7

Our guest speaker spoke for around 20 minutes and then we all sat around and chatted to each other. Our chaplains were also on hand for anyone who needed to chat and find support.

Our next meeting is in May, and we have SAMH, the mental health charity coming along to chat with us. Perhaps you want to join us or know of someone who would benefit? We meet on the second Wednesday of every month from 7 pm.

Lighthouse Group Chaplains – Rev William, Rev Susan, Rev Derek.



The Lighthouse
Well-being group

Walk, talk and breakfast
Walking Football
Monthly gatherings
Help and Advice
Supportive friends

A FREE group provided by -



A huge **Thank You** to all members of the Church Cleaning Team who give of their time every Friday morning to ensure that our sanctuary is kept spick & span!

If you have any free time and would like to join the team, please speak to Robert Guthrie.

Mile of Two Pences

As at the 7th May 2023, the total in the fund stood at £1472.70 This was made up of the 22nd Mile £202.34 and the 23rd Mile of £1242.34



The committee of Margaret Martin, Wilma Trann, Morag Kelly, Mary Black and Sheelagh Conn would like to say a very big thank you to all who made and continue to make donations to the fund.

Old Boys' Union

The OBU restarts on the 4th of October 2023.

To date, the syllabus is not 100% confirmed but the programme is as follows. This will be confirmed in the next magazine.

Wednesday 4th October	Opening Business Meeting
Wednesday 11th October	Rev William Boyle
Wednesday 18th October	Mr Guy Clark, Former Lord Lieutenant
Wednesday 25th October	Mr Ian Wilson, Port Glasgow in the 1970's
Wednesday 1st November	TBC
Wednesday 8th November	Rev Susan Henderson
Sunday 12th November	Armistice Sunday
Wednesday 15th November	Rev Ian Ramsden, Tales of a Highland Minister
Wednesday 22nd November	Mr Allan Robertson, Honorary Battalion President.
Wednesday 29th November	St Andrew's Night
Wednesday 6th December	Visit to Broadstone Gardens
Wednesday 10th January	President's Address
Wednesday 31st January	Burns' Supper, Provost Drew McKenzie
Sunday 4th February	Founder's Day Service
Wednesday 6th March	Closing Business Meeting

**New members will be made
very welcome.**



FLOWER ROTA

2nd July **The Kimmins Family**
9th July **Susan Steele & Family**
16th July **Lily Wilson**
23rd July **Helen Eckford,**
30th July **Andrew & Doreen Borland**



6th August **Gillian Wishart**
13th August **Jean Finlay**
 Jean Cunningham
20th August _____
27th August **Sheelagh Conn**

3rd September **Mary Stalker**
10th September **Agnes Campbell**
 Ann Innes
17th September **Sheila McEwan**
24th September **Harvest**



If anyone would like to give an offering of flowers, please contact Lena Cupples who will be delighted to hear from you.

Also, if you would be willing to help with the arranging of flowers for a Sunday Morning, please speak with Sheena Mac

My Cuppa Tea



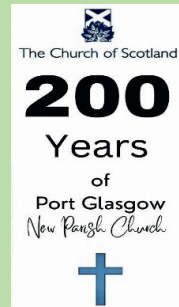
Every Friday, "Your Voice" run a lunchtime cafe in our church halls from 12.00 - 2.00pm.

There is usually sandwiches/soup, tea or coffee on offer. Why not come along and give it a try. You will be made very welcome

Weekend of Celebrations for our 200th Anniversary

Wednesday 19th July – Saturday 22nd July '23

The next event which will be held to celebrate our 200th Anniversary will be a Flower Festival/including tea & coffee/Exhibition of Memorabilia/finishing with a Picnic in the Park and Open Air Songs of Praise Event.



Wednesday 19th July – 11.00am – 3.00pm

Flower Festival in Church, Exhibition of Memorabilia in the large Hall, Tea & Coffee in Small Hall

Thursday 20th July – 11.00am – 3.00pm

Flower Festival in Church, Exhibition of Memorabilia in the large Hall, Tea & Coffee in Small Hall

Friday 21st July – 11.00am – 3.00pm

Flower Festival in Church, Exhibition of Memorabilia in the large Hall, Tea & Coffee in Small Hall

Saturday 22nd July – 12.00 – 2.00pm. Picnic in the Park

2.00 – 3.00pm. Open Air Songs of Praise with the Riverside Youth Band

To organize the above, we require Volunteers. If you are able to help out in any way, please speak to Sheena Mac / Frances as soon as possible.

My church

Sheena MacFarlane OBE, Session Clerk, explains why Port Glasgow New Parish Church forms part of her extended family.

MY Church is my extended family. It is a place where I feel supported, cared for, encouraged and strengthened in my faith. It is a place which feels like home and where I feel extremely comfortable and at ease.

Port Glasgow New Parish Church is situated in the centre of Port Glasgow, a town in Inverclyde, and this year it is celebrating its 200th anniversary.

Our congregational roll at present is 418 and the church serves a population of around 5000. The church is a well-equipped space in the right place, with a very friendly congregation where everyone is welcomed. The congregation continues to grow with the appearance of new young families, lots of adult and youth organisations and a greater emphasis being placed on the wellbeing of our community.

Having been brought up in the church from a very early age, attending worship has always played an important part in my life, as has sharing the good news of our Lord Jesus. I have been a church member and elder for a long number of years, been actively involved in many aspects of church life including youth work through Girls' Brigade, Sunday School /Club, pastoral care work, Kirk Session and also part of the ministry team as a worship leader.

My faith has always been an integral part of my life over the years and although my church is a well-equipped space in the right place and has a great buzz about it, I firmly believe that being part of the church is not purely about going along on a Sunday

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Sheena MacFarlane OBE

morning. It's great to meet regularly with friends, to worship, share God's Word, learn together and share fellowship but as a church member, a follower of Christ, it also offers differing opportunities to serve and respond to the human need within our community by showing love and care to those around us.

My church has changed greatly over the years and especially in the last few years. The recent pandemic forced us, like many others, to think out of the box. How do we reach out to others when the building is closed? Multimedia and social media were embraced, and the community noticed the church as a centre for good in the town. A community hub where during the week lots of external groups and church groups now meet on a regular basis.

As we move forward into our 200th anniversary, there is a lot to be thankful for in Port Glasgow New Parish Church. Changes are taking place; a welcoming growing congregation embracing the differing opportunities available to reach out to the community. There is a growing optimism as we move forward together into exciting but challenging times. Everyone feels valued, there is a great spirit of teamwork and above all God's love is shown in our words and actions.

As a practising Christian, a member of Port Glasgow New, I greatly value the opportunity to continue serving our Lord in this place, with likeminded people whose vision is to spread the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ within this community. □

Pastoral Register



Deaths

Iain McKinven

James Ross

We extend our deepest sympathies to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

New Members by Profession of Faith

Stuart Cant

Thomas Clarkson

Vanessa Dickson

Gilian Lynch

Iain McDonald

Pamela McDonald

Scott Wilson



New Members by Transference Certificate

Karen and Martin Lafferty

New Members by Resolution of the Kirk Session

Marion and Lawrence Reid

Alison Stalker



Port Glasgow New Parish Church / Port Glasgow United Reformed Church

Holiday Club for P1 – P7

Monday 31st July - Friday 4th August 10.00 – 12.15

Volunteers are needed to help with the above event. It is hoped to cater for up to 60/80 young folk every morning during the above week. If you are able to help out in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. The following are some of the jobs that require to be done. So, please don't be shy.....offer your talents and time, they will all be put to good use! The more volunteers we have, the more we can offer our young folk.

Registration

Snacks & Kitchen

Group Leaders

Crafts

Games

First Aid

Musicians

Props & Stuff

IT & Sound

If you are interested and want to learn more, please speak with William/Sheena. A meeting will be held in June for all willing volunteers. Come along and have great fun!

The Church of Scotland

The United Reformed Church

Summer Holiday Club

for Primary 1 to Primary 7

First week of August from 10 am - 12
(Cost: FREE)

Register your child now either at church or online

For more information visit our church page on: [Instagram](#) [twitter](#) [facebook](#)

Sunday Duty Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Team Leader</u>
2nd July	Team 3	Murray Paterson
9th July	Team 4	Robert Guthrie
16th July	Team 5	Billy Mooney
23rd July	Team 6	Gillian Wishart
30th July	Team 1	Dan Blaney
6th August	Team 2	Jim Ferris
13th August	Team 3	Murray Paterson
20th August	Team 4	Robert Guthrie
27th August	Team 5	Billy Mooney
3rd September	Team 6	Gillian Wishart
10th September	Team 1	Dan Blaney
17th September	Team 2	Jim Ferris
24th September	Team 3	Murray Paterson

Pastoral Care

If you are aware of anyone in our congregation who requires some pastoral assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Robert / Sheena / Frances.

It is vitally important that no one in our congregation is missed out.





"Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours."(Mark 11:24)

Sometimes we want to pray but we can't put our thoughts into words and we think we are not good enough or clever enough to pray, to talk to God, like people of prayer in the bible, strong men and women like Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam, Esther and Naomi, Daniel and Paul and of course Jesus.

We know the story of Daniel who was thrown into the lions' den because he disobeyed the king and prayed to God but read the whole story in Daniel chapter 6. It is a great story about the power of prayer.

Daniel had been placed in a position of great power by Darius, the king, almost the equivalent of what we would call prime minister. By this time in his life Daniel was quite an old man which shows that age is not a barrier to serving a king, something which will strike a chord with those who work in the church and who are not of a young age. Daniel was faithful into his old age. He practised his faith and prayed several times a day.

Daniel teaches us the importance of a lifetime of faith and obedience to God and of following God's Word and his ways regardless of our circumstances.

Our prayers do not have to be long and full of fancy words. The simplest prayer in the bible is in Matthew 14. Jesus tells Peter he can walk on water. Peter steps out of the boat and panics as he begins to sink. He cries out to Jesus, "Lord, save me." These three simple words are the most powerful short prayer. We can use them too, to let God know we have faith that we know he can help us.

As we pray ,we should remember to thank God too for all he does for us.

Father, we thank you for our faith which is our rock in times of trouble. We have seen our faith grow from a tiny seed planted. It does not matter when it was planted but that it has grown from something small into something big. We thank you for those who planted that seed. We thank you for their faith which they did not hide away but shared with us and with others to grow your kingdom. We ask that like Daniel we will put our faith in you in times of trouble.



Church Creche

As our church family grows, so too does our Creche. It is great to welcome new babies and young children on a Sunday morning.

At the moment there are only 5 volunteers to cover this important task. If anyone else could help out with this, please speak with Gillian Wishart who would be absolutely delighted to hear from you!

The advertisement has a blue header with 'PORT GLASGOW' in white and 'Youth' in yellow. Below this, it says '(Temporary name)'. The main text is in black and red, calling for young people from churches across Port Glasgow (S1 +) to join a new social group led by youth. The first meeting is on Saturday 13th May from 6-8 PM at the Salvation Army, King Street. At the bottom, there are four small images: a red lightning bolt with 'ZZA', a pizza, a person holding a 'CRAZY' sign, and a group of people.

Do you know anyone who attended our new group for young people in S1 +

If so, please ask them to write a short report for inclusion in our next magazine!



The Guild finished meeting officially at the end of March, after a busy year and a great variety of speakers. However, we still have to look forward to our summer meal out to the Steakhouse in Greenock when we will share food and enjoy fellowship together.

We held a successful Coffee Morning on Saturday 15 March. Thanks to all in the congregation who came along to support us and gave donations which helped to raise the sum of £615.

Some of us had an afternoon to Dunbartonshire to hear Susan Brown, the former Moderator, speak at a Guild meeting. We finished the day with a wee trip to Lomond Shores and a meal.

We are now planning our next session with a programme of activities and speakers. The Guild begins again in October when we will welcome new members and old, both men and women, to join us.

From the Guild we wish everyone a warm and safe summer.

Visit to Malawi in August

In August, I have been invited to attend the conference of the Malawi Woman's Guild. The Guilds there do a lot of work helping in their community, where there is real poverty. We would like to take with us some small items which we consider everyday essentials but which are real luxuries for families and especially women in Malawi.

There is a strong connection with the Church of Scotland and the Presbyterian Church of Central Africa in Malawi, especially in the Synod of Livingstonia.

If you would like to help you can donate women's pants (any size), small soaps, hand cream, flip-flops, solar or wind-up torches (it is dark from 5pm each day and there is no lighting in rural areas) or a **small** donation of money.

Thank you in advance for your kindness. Speak to me if you would like more information or place items in the box at the door of the church.

Helen Eckford (Guild President)

Riverside Youth Band



Talented young musicians have showcased their skills in the solo spotlight, as Riverside Youth Band held its sixth annual solo competition.

The recent event took place in Port Glasgow Salvation Army and saw 23 performers across the organisation's Youth and Training bands, as well as the Riverside Rookies, taking part in a bid to impress adjudicator, Caroline Farren, of the Whitburn Band.

In the Senior Solos, tenor horn player Andrea Crumlish (Inverclyde Academy) retained her title with her performance of September Fantasy, by Eric Ball. Cornetist Rebecca Marshall (Clydeview Academy) came out on top in the Intermediate Solos following her performance of A Whole New World, while the winner of the Junior Solos was trumpet player Becca Stewart, of St Francis Primary School, who played Light Up the Fire.

The Jack Leitch Memorial Trophy was presented to baritone player Stuart Smith (Aileymill Primary) following his impressive performance of All Night, All Day.

Reflecting on the event, musical director Mark Good commented: "Riverside Youth Band's latest solo competition was our most successful yet, with impressive playing across the categories. Putting your head above the parapet takes courage and getting on stage to perform a solo in front of their peers was a big step for many of our youngsters - but they did themselves proud. In doing so, they've widened their comfort zone and demonstrated the sort of resilience and determination that will stand them in good stead as they grow into young adults in the years to come."

Riverside's solo competition came in the midst of a busy spell for the organisation, as it recently enjoyed performing in Lyle Kirk, Greenock, as part of the popular Music in Lyle Kirk series.

Meanwhile, Andrea Crumlish, sister Siobhan and fellow member Ash Paton recently represented the band with pride at the Scottish Youth Solo Championships.

Andrea triumphed in the Inverclyde heat of Scotland's Young Musician competition, qualifying for the National final.

Several members of the band recently joined up with the National Youth Brass Band of Scotland for its Easter course in Strathallan School in Perthshire.

Mark Gammon - a student at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland - joined up with the European Youth Brass Band in Malmö, Sweden, as part of the 2023 European Brass Band Festival. Hannah McInnes competed in the prestigious event, as a member of Whitburn Band.

Duncan Galbraith, Riverside Youth Band chairman, said: "Across the organisation, we're delighted to see our members developing as musicians and as young people. From the experienced members of the Youth Band to our ever-growing Training Band and our stars of tomorrow in the Riverside Rookies, they're all getting to experience the joy of making music together in a safe, nurturing environment."

Riverside Youth Band rehearses in Port Glasgow New Parish Church on Friday afternoons, with more young brass and percussion players welcome to get involved. Contact Duncan :info@riversideyouthband.co.uk or call 07974 106 888.

Awards: Senior Solos:

First: Andrea Crumlish, Gold; Second: Struan Hewitt, Gold; Third: Ash Paton, Gold; Hannah McInnes, Gold; Siobhan Crumlish, Silver; Alex Jamieson, Silver.

Intermediate Solos:

First: Rebecca Marshall, Gold; Second: Logan Nixon, Gold; Third: Kyle Baxter, Gold; Chloe Marshall, Silver; Hannah Martin, Megan Taylor.



Junior Solos:

First: Becca Stewart, Gold; Second: Stuart Smith, Gold; Third: Annie Jones, Gold; Sienna Harrison, Silver; Callum McCowan, Silver; Ellie McKibben and Kiahn Nicholas, Bronze; Logan Mitchell, Bronze; Lucy Pelling, Bronze; Jake Sloan, Bronze; Chloe Neate, Bronze.



2nd Port Glasgow Girls' Brigade

The girls have completed all their badgework for this session. They learned about the GB badge of Cross, Lamp, Crown and Torch.

Thank you to all the parents and carers for turning the girls out every week.

We recently held our Annual Display which this year was a celebration of the 95th Anniversary of the company.

The main Prize-winners were

Best Explorer – Mya McMenamin and Jessica McFadden

Junior Bible – Ana McMenamin

Senior Bible – Emily Johnstone

Best Recruit – Ruby McMenamin

MacKay Waugh Prize – Lena Toth

Best Girl – Jessica Wilson



Afterwards we celebrated in style with a tea party which was enjoyed by everyone. Like our church we also have nearly 200 years of service.

Kathleen and Gillian were presented with their 30 years service award and Margaret was presented with an engraved vase for over 50 years service to GB Scotland.

Our Afternoon Tea for the King's Coronation. A very successful day enjoyed by everyone. A huge thanks to the team of willing helpers.



1st Port Glasgow Girls' Brigade

We can't believe that another session is almost finished at 1st Port Glasgow Girls' Brigade....

Badge work completed✓

Badges purchased✓

Display preparation started✓

Trophies polished✓

Display Guests invited✓

Costumes prepared✓



By the time you read this our Display will have taken place in the Church and we thank those who came along to support us.



As well as our usual activities, all three sections have taken part in the Clyde Division fun events. This is our first year as a new Division and its been a busy and exciting year.

The Brigaders ventured to Paisley and had a productive afternoon making truffles and decorating cupcakes, which they enjoyed eating later in the afternoon.

They were set the challenge of making a boat using an assortment of bits and pieces – plasticine, foil, straws etc. The object was to make the boat that held the most 2p pieces before sinking – the winning boat held 54 x 2p pieces! They also had an opportunity to learn about the Queen's Award and Leadership training as well as playing some games and making new friends.

The Juniors went to the Easter Eggstravaganza in Johnstone. This was a day filled with crafts and games and a sketch about what is important at Eastertime.



They turned white paper bags into bunnies with googly eyes, pipe cleaner whiskers and pompom noses. They made a chicken from a yellow paper plate and a basket, from card, which they lined with tissue paper and filled with chocolate bunnies and eggs. The energetic part of the day included parachute games and ball pool games. They also had a plastic Easter Egg hunt in the Sanctuary, where some of the eggs had letters inside them to spell out the phrase "Jesus Christ is risen today".

The Explorers had a Hawaiian Party here at Port Glasgow New Parish. This was another busy day with lots of games, crafts, a photo booth and tropical mocktails. Their crafts included decorating hula girls, making suncatchers, a dancing jellyfish and coloured ribbon twirligigs.



In one game they had to find specific tropical pictures, in a paddling pool full of balls. Their screams of excitement were heard



throughout the halls and the balls ended up all over the hall floor!

The team games included limbo dancing and fishing using magnetic fishing rods. After enjoying tropical mocktails together they finished the afternoon learning a Hawaiian dance. An exhausting but superb day.

We still have our Camp to Fordell Firs to look forward to in June, details of which we will share with you in the next magazine.

2nd Port Glasgow Boys' Brigade

The Company Section of the Boys' Brigade have been very active since our last report in January.



Our Wednesday nights have taken care of themselves with our preparations for our Annual Display, our nights have followed a programme of Fall In, Band Practice, Warm Up, Clubs, Senior Horse, Junior Mats, Hall Sports and Fall Out.

Our Thursday Nights have included work with our Band Learners, Band Practice, Bible Class and Hall Sports.

William, our Chaplain, and Susan Henderson have given us some interesting talks at our Bible Class and really got the boys involved. Some Officers have also supported our Bible Classes with many interesting and varied topics of discussion.

Our President's Badge boys have been doing their Service work both in the Company and the Community.

Jake Denyer has helped in the Church on Sunday and on other occasions, helping with the presentations and sound on the big screens. Jake has also volunteered with Parklea Branching Out and has helped at Sport in the Port on a Tuesday held in the Port Glasgow New Parish Church Hall.

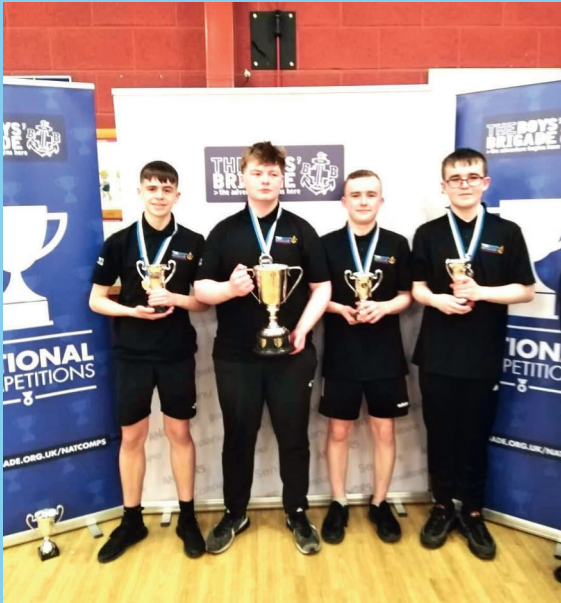
Charlie McQuilken has been training some boys to play the Bell Lires in the Band for his Company Service.

These boys still have another year before they will receive their King's Badge.

Our Queen's Badge boys have been completing their Brigade and Community Service, Lewis Irvine has also volunteered with Parklea Branching Out and has helped at Sport in the Port on a Tuesday held in the Port Glasgow New Parish Church Hall. Lewis is also involved with our Anchor Boys on a Thursday night.

Sandy McQuilken has been volunteering at the Marie Curie Charity shop in Port Glasgow and has been training our Learner Drummers.

At the end of January our Recruits completed their Recruit Training with an 8 mile walk around Greenock Cut. They returned to the Waterman's Cottage via the Waterman's Road, following a stop for a burger in the Fisherman's Café at Loch Thom.



Our Table Tennis boys have continued to practice on Fridays and it has all paid off this year.

Our B Team (Ben Hammerman, Sandy McQuilken and Jake Denyer) were 3rd in the District Championships and reached the Scottish Semi-Finals, of all the matches they played this year they only lost three of these and one of these was in the Scottish Semis to our A Team.

Our A Team (Joseph Adams, Jack Wilson, Darren Lowe and reserve Ben Hammerman) won the District Championship, the Scottish Championship and the British Championship, held at Wigan Rugby Football Club.

After 5 previous British Final appearances, where the standard of play is always at a very high level, this was truly a great performance by these boys.

Our boys only lost one match this session to a team of senior players.

At the beginning of March our Band played at and led the Battalion Parade.

Sandy McQuilken was presented with the Battalion Bible Quiz trophy at the Church Service in St John's in Gourrock. Sandy had taken part in this competition along with another 13 Company Section Boys.

During a Saturday in mid-March, some of our boys took part in the Battalion Cross Country, at Auchenfoil Farm Holiday Site.

In the Junior Race Max Marner was the winner with Cameron McEwan in 3rd. Murray Webster and Mason Peebles also ran well.

In the Intermediate Race Ben Hammerman was runner-up and in the Senior Race, Jake Denyer was third.

A great day out for our boys who finished 2nd overall.

The following day, 10 of our boys took part in the Battalion Drill Competition. We were judged to be the winners of the trophy on the day.

Also in March Jack Wilson and Sandy McQuilken represented the Company at the Port Glasgow High School Extra Curricular Showcase, this was an interesting day with many projects for young people on display, all happening in Port Glasgow.

Towards the end of April our Display was held in the Church and it was great to have along Gordon Hammerman (Godge), a former Captain of the 2nd Port, as our Inspecting Officer and Jean, his wife who presented all the prizes.

There was a good attendance at our Display of invited guests, parents, friends and others from the Church.

It is hoped they were all enjoyed the night.

The boys had previously received their Badges for the session and the major Prize Winners and Awards were as follows:

Best Boy – Winner: Sandy McQuilken, Runner-Up: Darren Lowe

Best Recruit – Winner: Scott Galbraith, Runner- Up: Cameron Gauld

Best NCO – Winner: Sandy McQuilken

Bible Knowledge – Winner: Cameron Steele, Runner-Up: Charlie McQuilken

Drill Competition – Winner: Darren Lowe, Runner-Up: Jake Denyer

Silver Bugle – Winner: Luke Wolfenden, Runner-Up: Cameron Steele

Best Percussionist – Winner: Sandy²⁷ McQuilken, Runner-Up: Charlie

Squad Competition Winner: Squad 3, Sandy McQuilken, Jake Denyer, Jack Wilson, Scott Galbraith and Murray Webster

Table Tennis Winner: Joseph Adams, Runner-Up: Jack Wilson,

Third : Daren Lowe

Perfect Attendance Award: Lewis Irvine

National Table Tennis Award: Joseph Adams, Jack Wilson, Darren Lowe, Ben Hammerman, Sandy McQuilken, Jake Denyer

President's Badge Presentation: Darren Lowe, Luke Wolfenden, Jack Wilson, Cameron Hall

Queen's Badge Presentation: Lewis Irvine, Sandy McQuilken

Discharge of 2 boys who have reached the end of their career in the Boys' Brigade as Boys: Joseph Adams, Alexander Clarkson

We are now in the more relaxed part of the session and Wednesdays and Thursdays are a bit more informal.

We are looking forward to our Annual Weekend Camp at the end of May to Auchenfoil Farm and our Band engagements at the end of June, before we wrap things up for this session.

Special Gifts

Recently the Church received two very special bequests.

*An interim payment of £25,000 was received from the estate of
the late Sheena Morgan*

£1000 was received from the estate of the late Elspeth Lynn



Our Church's Dove Cafe which meets the fourth Wednesday of every month is proving to be very beneficial to all who come along. It is a great time of fun, fellowship and lots of laughter.

The cafe has been running since last September and it is thanks to a great group of volunteers who have made it so successful.

The cafe is open to everyone, especially those who are living with Dementia and their carers. It is also open to anyone who wishes some companionship / advice. The cafe will run in June, have a break in July and restart the fourth Wednesday of August.

This month, we were delighted to accept a very special gift from Mr Robert Bremner who had very patiently completed a large jigsaw of a Dove and then kindly framed it for us. The detail is superb and we thank Robert for this very kind gesture.

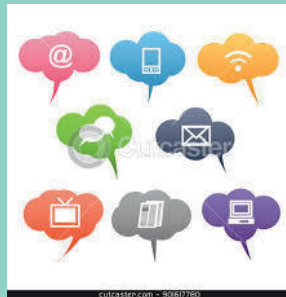




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Flowers	Lena Cupples
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