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Wow! – what a summer we have had at Port Glasgow New Parish Church.

From a Flower Festival with memorabilia, to our annual Picnic in the Park featuring the Riverside Youth Band, to a Family Fun Day where a certain Minister had sponges chucked in his direction by the community and our annual Holiday Club with 60 children signed up. We have been very busy indeed.

We also focused on the Parables of Jesus over the Summer in our Sunday Services. Our Summer Services have been all-age while our Sunday Club Leaders take a well-earned break.

My experience of some churches in Summer has been the Sunday Club go on holiday, seeing little to no children across Summer. If children or new children do come along there is nothing for them to do and then in August we see a number not return as they have either got out of the habit of coming or found something else to do.

The idea behind having all-age services was to ensure the children, who are a hugely important part of our church family and the future of our church continue to come along to church and feel part of our services.

By having all-age services, we actually saw a big increase in the number of children attending weekly. This shows that the demand is there over the Summer and perhaps we could work towards having a Summer Sunday Club which will need volunteers, or do we continue with the craft table idea in the memorial aisle so that the children are part of the main church for 5 weeks of Summer and not always through in another room? I have tried very hard to make sure everyone is getting something out of our Summer Services and

as we try new things, we will always learn about what works well and what could maybe change or be thought through some more.

With such a wide range of ages in front of you, as you can imagine, you won't get it right for every single person all of the time.

I am extremely thankful for every single person that contributes to the work of our church here at the heart of the town, what a great place to be. Where would we be without you?

Let us go in to a new season, full of hope, joy and love as we continue to worship and serve in the name of our perfect role model, Jesus Christ.

God Bless you all – Your Minister and Friend – William



Picnic in the Park

A big thank you to everyone who came along to our second Picnic in the Park down at Coronation Park.



The weather wasn't wonderful but everyone seemed to have had a good time. We enjoyed a picnic, catch-up, games and were led in praise by members of the Riverside Youth Band.

We really hoped you enjoyed the day .



Flower Festival & Display of Memorabilia

As part of our ongoing events to celebrate 200 years of Port Glasgow New Parish, a Flower Festival was organised over a period of 3 days. Lots of visitors came to admire the 24 floral arrangements which adorned the church.

A huge thank you must go to all the volunteers who manned the church, halls, kitchen and prepared the arrangements.





Church Cafe

Church Cafe continues to meet every Sunday after morning worship. If you haven't already visited, please come along and enjoy some chat and fellowship. All we ask is a small donation towards the cost.

Thanks to all the willing volunteers

Chatty Cafe

The Chatty Cafe, our social enterprise project, is opened every Friday from 11.30pm - 1.30pm. Why not come along and enjoy some homemade delicious soup, sandwiches and a cuppa!.



Port Glasgow New Parish Church

**Chatty Cafe
Friday
11.30 - 1.30**



**Social Enterprise
free/small
donation**



PIC•COLLAGE



Well Done to Lindi who recently competed in the Scottish Special Olympics and came home with a Silver medal for the Backstroke and Bronze for the Freestyle.

Duty Team Rota

1st Oct	Team 4	Robert Guthrie
8th Oct	Team 5	Billy Mooney
15th Oct	Team 6	Gillian Wishart
22nd Oct	Team 1	Dan Blaney
29th Oct	Team 2	
5th Nov	Team 3	Murray Paterson
12th Nov	Team 4	Robert Guthrie
19th Nov	Team 5	Billy Mooney
26th Nov	Team 6	Gillian Wishart
3rd Dec	Team 1	Dan Blaney
10th Dec	Team 2	
17th Dec	Team 3	Murray Paterson
24th Dec	Team 4	Robert Guthrie
31st Dec	Team 5	Bill Mooney



Church Angel Project

Kirk Session has agreed that on a weekly basis, there will be a collection for the local "Church Angels" Foodbank. One of our Elders, Tony Wilson who volunteers at the Food Bank oversees the collection and ensure that it goes across to our friends at the United Reformed Church.

Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 24th September '23

The Kirk Session has also agreed that all donations from this year's Harvest Celebrations will be donated to our neighbouring "Church Angel" project. In these very difficult days, please give generously. Gifts of cash or goods will be greatly appreciated.



“I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

Most of us will have spent some time on holiday during the last couple of months. We may have gone abroad or stayed in this country or maybe stayed at home and had day trips. Whatever we have done wherever we have been, we have chosen to go on a journey and have planned what we will do. Sometimes we can be unsure where to go on our journey. We get to a junction and don't know which way to go. We have to rely on the sat nav or a good map reader.

Have you ever come to a crossroads in your lives, you want to go one way but God directs you another way? For many of us it is difficult to follow God's directions and we choose the path we want instead of God's path.

As children of God, we should have faith that by following God's directions, we will succeed. Jeremiah 29: 11 tells us that God knows where he wants us to go and what he wants us to do.

Of course, we can make our own decisions but we should seek guidance from God when we make them and follow his path, and so we pray, we talk to God and ask his advice. Never think your journey does not matter to God. It does! Talk to him.

Loving heavenly Father, thank you that you have been with us since the beginning of our life's journey and have stayed with us each step of the way. Thank you that you have a plan for each of us and are always there to give us advice and guidance. Be with us as we struggle to find the right way and forgive us when we have wandered from the right path.

Help us to go on knowing you are with us, showing us the way. Thank you for sending your son, Jesus, to show us the way, and to be with us every step of our life's journey. Be with us as we continue our journey. In Jesus' name we ask this. Amen

The Lighthouse Well-being Group

The group has continued over Summer, apart from Walking Football, which always takes a break over July purely due to the heat in the hall with the high temperatures inside.

Walk, Talk and Breakfast has continued. We meet at the church on the second Saturday of every month at 10 am. We leave our orders for breakfast and then go out on an easily accessible, short walk.

Why not join us one week? It is a great group of people, we walk, we have lots of conversation and then join together for some breakfast.

Our Talking Together group has also met over the Summer. We meet in the Tesco Café on the second Wednesday of every month from 7 pm to 8 pm.

The idea is, we meet up, we invite a guest speaker who speaks for 30 mins and then we chat, support each other and offer a listening ear.

Our last guest speaker was Rhys McCole who is X3 Scottish Boxing National Champion. Greenock Telegraph Sport Champion. Inverclyde Sport Champion X2. Young Scot Award finalist. X2 and Regional Boxing Champion.



Rhys spoke to us about his journey and the barriers he has faced in the boxing world as he fights past his disabilities to chase his dreams. He also spoke to us about his aim of supporting local young people and his work with local schools.

Rhys is making a big difference in our community, and we loved listening to what he had to say. Perhaps you want to join us for our next Talking Together? Chaplains – Rev William and Rev Susan.

Old Boys' Union

Our new session starts on the 4th October when we look forward to welcoming old friends and new ones under the leadership of our current President Ross Nugent. Anyone who has had a minimum of 3 years in any of the uniformed organisations will be made most welcome and if you are interested in any of the talks just come along. We meet at 7.30pm in the OBU room on a Wednesday between October and March. The syllabus up to our Christmas break is as follows

Wednesday 4th October – Opening Business Meeting

Wednesday 11th October – Rev William Boyle, Honorary President

Wednesday 18th October - Mr Guy Clark, Former Lord Lieutenant

Wednesday 25th October – Mr Ian Wilson, Port Glasgow in the
1700's

Wednesday 1st November – Inverclyde Sports Hub TBC

Wednesday 8th November - Rev. Susan Henderson – My Journey in
the Church

Sunday 12th November – Armistice Sunday

Wednesday 15th November – Rev. Ian Ramsden – Tales of a
Highland Minister TBC

Wednesday 22nd November – Mr Allan Robertson, Honorary
Battalion President TBC

Wednesday 29th November – St Andrew's Night

Wednesday 6th December – Visit to Broadstone Gardens

The Mile of Two Pences

As at the 2nd August '23 the total amount in the fund stood at £1,580.77. This was made up of the 22nd mile - £202.34 and the 23rd mile - £1,242.34 and the 24th mile - £136.09.

***The committee would like to say a very big thank you to all who made
and continue to make donations to our fund.***

Port Glasgow Churches Together

We continue our partnership with Port Glasgow Churches Together. Over the Summer we held a Youth BBQ. The idea behind our new youth group is that youth from all the Port Glasgow Churches can come together and gather as one big Youth Group.

This allows Christian teenagers from across the town to come together, meet new friends, find out about each other's faith/beliefs, perhaps realise that there is more of them out there. Sometimes at their age, it can seem like you are perhaps the only one that attends church which is not the case as we have found out in our new group.

Our BBQ was held in Coronation Park. It went well and we spoke to the group about our next catch-up. We plan to meet at the Salvation Army on King Street, Sunday 20th August from 5pm - 7pm for some food and a movie night.

As a group we have also held a Summer Bible Study focusing on the Parables of Jesus in St John's RC Church.

What we are trying to do is make sure that every church within our group is being given the opportunity to host something. A number of Bible Studies have now been held and they seem to be going well with lots of questions, conversation and discussion.

Sadly, numbers for our own congregation have been very low indeed. The highest number being 6. We have held Bible studies up at the top of Port Glasgow and down in the centre but this hasn't changed.

I would love to hear feedback on how we get more people involved in our Bible studies. It is really worthwhile as we explore the bible together. It gives you the opportunity to ask questions, discuss with others and learn more. I will keep you informed on when the next Bible study will be held – Rev William.



Church Flowers

October 2023

- 1st Ann Innes
- 8th The Gibson Family
- 15th
- 22nd Ronald & Kitty Ramsay
- 29th

November 2023

- 5th Charlene Mitchell
Marilyn Hunter
- 12th Lizbeth Docherty
- 19th Sheena MacFarlane
- 26th Joe & Kathleen Bell



December 2023

- 3rd Margaret Mooney
- 10th Betty Sheriff
- 17th Margaret Martin
- 24th Sheila Jamieson
- 31st

A huge thank you to everyone who so kindly donates flowers which enhance our chancel every Sunday.

If anyone would like to donate flowers, please contact Mrs Lena Cupples

01475 744290



Like most of our organisations, the Guild in New Parish has not been meeting during the summer months but the Guild in Scotland does not stop.

As a National movement, we continue to work to raise money for our projects and plan for the next session. The Church of Scotland Guild reaches far beyond Scotland. One of our sister Guilds in the Synod of Livingstonia, in Malawi, is holding their conference in August.

I have been invited to attend as National Convener of the Guild and as a congregation, you have been so generous with your gifts. Thank you! I have two very large suitcases to take with me on my trip, each weighs 23kgs. Half of the luggage is from New Parish, a third is some of what we have from Guilds around the country and my clothes are squeezed into the remaining space.

If your maths is good, you can work out I have one sixth! I am not complaining. Malawi is known as the warm heart of Africa and your gifts will warm their hearts even more.

Mulungu akudalitseni! (God bless you, in Chichewa, the local language). Helen Eckford



We were delighted that our good friend, Charlene Mitchell, was able to join us for eight weeks as a pastoral assistant before taking up her full time studies in September.

We wish Charlene every blessing as she enters her training to be a full time Deacon within the Church of Scotland

Holiday Club



Our Summer Holiday Club took place from Monday 7th August - Friday 11th August. Throughout the week approximately 40 + young folk attended every morning from 10.00 - 12.15. The activities were led by Revs Susan and William, ably assisted by a

great team of 20 volunteers.

Everyone had a ball! We were very grateful to Tesco who provided all the breakfast snacks and eats for the break.

The week concluded with a great service on Sunday full of holiday club songs and activities all related to being part of God's Team.



New Parish Playgroup



A great family fun day was held on Friday 28th July. Lots of fun and laughter was had by all especially when it came to throwing sponges at Rev William!

SERVICES

Sunday 10th September

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 24th September

Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 1st October

Minister on holiday

Sunday 12th November

Remembrance Sunday



Port Glasgow New Parish Church

The Dove Cafe

A dementia friendly cafe for those with dementia and their carers.
The last Wednesday of every month,
from 13:30 to 15:00

Your parish church is here to help - Everyone is welcome here

Our Dove Cafe will be back on Wednesday 30th August at 1.30pm.

Everyone welcome

Pastoral Register

Deaths/Funeral Dates

24th June 2023

Adam McCloy

8th July 2023

Andrew Borland

18th July 2023

William Kirkpatrick

27th July 2023

Jim Ferris



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

***Delighted to welcome into our Church Fellowship
by Baptism***

Poppy Clarkson

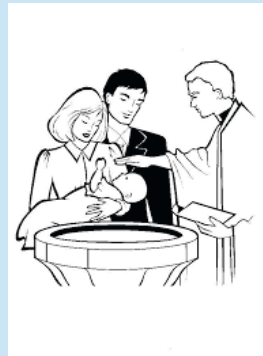
Aria Lynch

Scott Wilson

Bobby Sinclair

Harrison Sinclair

Kathleen Sinclair



New Members by Profession of Faith

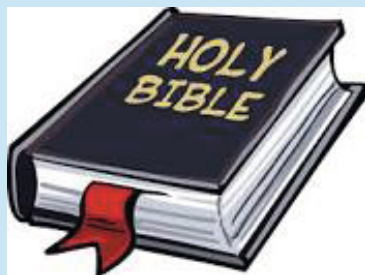
Kathleen Sinclair

Thomas Sinclair

By Transference Certificates

George & Ann Anderson

Agnes White



1st Port Glasgow Girls' Brigade

Since our last article, 1st Port Glasgow Girls' Brigade held their Display in The Church. It was an informal night showcasing some of the things the girls had been doing throughout the year.

We managed to fit some maze marching and an assortment of dances and games into the Church – not easy when we are used to the square space in the Town Hall. We also had a science experiment – turning Wine into water, raspberry milkshake and lemonade. The Brigaders had the suspense of Taskmaster Challenges where they didn't know the details until they opened the Task envelope to do it.

We were delighted to present two new Bible Trophies this year in memory of Miss Sheena Morgan. The leaders felt this was a fitting tribute to a well-loved, dedicated leader. Sheena is greatly missed and will be remembered for many years to come.

Junior Bible Trophy ***Cerys Wines & Sophie Crawford***

Brigader Bible Trophy ***Megan Sweeney***

Best Junior Recruit ***Freya Thompson***

Elizabeth Ferguson Trophy for Leadership with Explorers

Kara Wallace

Junior Drill Trophy ***Chloe Hill***

Tommy Tait Memorial Trophy for Brigader Drill ***Emily Logan***

Janis Young Trophy for Enthusiasm & Endeavour

Abbie Arkless & Jane Docherty

Elizabeth Cunningham Centenary Cup for Enthusiasm & Endeavour

Kara Wallace

Best Junior ***Emma Callander***

Drummond Cup for Best Brigader ***Megan Sweeney***

The Company restarts on Thursday 24th August in Newark Primary School. All school age girls will be made most welcome.

Please see our Facebook page – 1st Port Glasgow Girls' Brigade – or contact us at 1stportgb@gmail.com for more information.



A colorful poster for the 1st Port Glasgow Girls' Brigade. At the top, it says 'GIRLS' BRIGADE THE PLACE TO BEE' with a cartoon bee character. Below that, it states '1st Port Glasgow Company meets on Thursday evenings in Newark Primary School starting on 24th August'. A table lists activities and times: Explorers (P1-P3, 6.00-7.00pm), Juniors (P4-P7, 7.10-8.30pm), and Brigaders (S1-S5, 7.10-8.30pm). A central bee character is surrounded by activity bubbles: Helping others, Bible stories, Camp, Dancing, Friends, Singing, and Crafts. At the bottom, it says 'Come along and learn new things whilst making new friends and having fun!'.

2nd Port Glasgow Girls' Brigade

We hope all our girls, parents, carers and of course leaders had a lovely holiday.

We restart our next session on Tuesday the 22nd of August in the Church Halls.

Explorers P1 to P3 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Juniors P4 to P6 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Brigaders P7 to S5 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Everyone is welcome to come along and bring a friend.

Girls' Brigade Camp 2023

Girls and leaders from 1st and 2nd Port Glasgow Girls' Brigade Companies held a joint Camp in June at Scout Adventures Fordell Firs in Fife.

"Christmas at Camp" was the theme for the weekend. We had a great weekend off fun, fellowship, worship, games, crafts, outdoor activities, making new friends and Christmas pyjamas but not a lot of sleep!!

The girls were superb and participated in all of the activities - some with great confidence and some with a little trepidation. They overcame their fears and gave everything a go. We were so proud of them attempting the climbing wall, with some reaching the top and ringing the bell. They also had a low ropes activity and a challenge course in the woodland area.

All of the activities we organised ourselves had a Christmas theme including decorating small Christmas cakes, crafts, games and a Christmas movie on the Saturday night.

We would like to thank Pamela for organising the Camp and the Clune Park/Sunnybank Fund for their generous donation.

It was such a success we are now planning Camp 2024!





Just before the end of term, Eilidh P. completed her Gold Award at Guides. Angela Egan who is a professional skater on Dancing on Ice presented Eilidh with her award. Eilidh has worked very hard, especially during Covid, to gain this award

Eilidh K. (must be the name) has completed her leadership qualification and will be qualified to be a leader in charge of Rainbows. Eilidh and Mary will work well together to ensure the Rainbows have lots of fun.

We are all looking forward to going back after the summer holidays. Let's see what this year brings. Kimberley

47th Greenock and District Scouts

It's been a little while since the last update on our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts as they've been enjoying their well-earned summer break after a very busy session from January to June. Since our last update, all sections have completed a number of badges.



We all got our hands dirty starting our Gardeners badge, with the Beavers helping to fill the planters at the Church of the Nazarene, Cubs and Scouts each planting their own sunflowers, with varying degrees of success; Cub leader Fiona has her sunflower enjoying the kitchen windowsill, Scout Leader Brenda has successfully planted hers in the garden but Group Scout Leader Conor's sunflower accidentally got left in the car and didn't last very long at all.

We also enjoyed a trip as a group to Glasgow Science Centre in February which aided in our Science and Astronomers badges. The Cubs and Scouts continued our science experiments at our Monday meetings, testing which liquid was better for cleaning pennies between Coke, lemon juice, and a salt and vinegar mixture, which we chose based on a previous experiment testing reactions. We also tested which liquid was most damaging to our teeth by soaking eggs for a week in coffee, fizzy juice, and apple juice and we attempted to grow our own cress just using paper towels, which the young people enjoyed munching on too.

Our Cubs and Scouts had their first camp of the year at the end of March; we enjoyed running around in the mud, pitching our own tents, making our own lunches, and crate climbing, with our Highest Climber being Ruby with 15 crates, which is only 1 crate away from the current Everton record. Our thanks also go to Ian Arthur for helping our Scouts learn how to construct a rope bridge and other structures. We were also pleased to welcome District Commissioner Martin Buchan who had come to present Group Scout Leader Conor with his King's Scout Award, his Wood Beads, and The Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service. We as a group are very proud of Conor for all his success and we wouldn't be able to run without his dedication and service.



While we missed a few group nights during March and April due to school holidays and bank holiday weekends, we encouraged a number of our young people to continue working on their own badges at home, having been sent home with their Personal Challenge badge booklets to complete. This requires our young people to find something that they find challenging and complete this task for 4 weeks, hopefully earning their badge at the end. This could be anything from keeping their rooms tidy, to trying new foods, or reading more books or learning a new skill. It teaches our young people how to be self-motivators and encourages their families to become involved, as there is only so much we

can do with our young people on a Monday night. The Personal Challenge badge is an important piece of work at each level of Scouts as this badge is required in order to earn their Chief Scout's Bronze, Silver and Gold

awards, the highest badges Beavers, Cubs and Scouts can earn respectively.

In May and June, the Beavers visited Pets at Home in Greenock for the start of their Animal Friend badge, Cubs and Scouts worked on their Navigator badge, fondly referred to as The How-Not-To-Get-Lost badge, which will teach them more about reading and understanding maps and the local area for when their phones run out of battery. We were very excited to go back to Lochgoilhead at the end of May for camp at their outdoor activity centre, where Cubs and Scouts took part in activities such as kayaking, mountain-biking, rock-climbing and abseiling, raft building, bush crafts, and wide games, again giving our young people the opportunity to develop their outdoor skills, and spend time outdoors in environments that they wouldn't normally be able to access at home.

Beavers held their annual sleepover at Everton campsite in June, also taking part in outdoor activities and learning how to pitch tents. Some of them spent their first nights away from home. Our Scouts also got a night away in June at Everton, once the Beavers went home, where they had the chance to explore the campsite on their own and make their own meals, helping them to develop their independence skills and getting some peace away from the Cubs for a change. We wrapped up our activities for the summer with a trip to Braehead for bowling and burgers and at the time of writing we are looking forward to welcoming our young people back in August after a well-earned break for our leaders.

We are sad to report that, since our last update, we have seen the temporary closure of our Wednesday Beavers section due to lack of volunteer availability. We are thankful though that most of our Wednesday Beavers have been welcomed to our Monday night meetings and are meeting old and new friends up the hill. We are also happy that our parent rota continues to support the running of the Beaver section as this is vital support that we need to ensure the safety of our young people.

We are also glad to have the support of our Young Leaders, Aidan and Callum, who have been with us for a long time and chose to continue their journeys in Scouting with us at the 47th, it is very meaningful for us as leaders to be able to continue to see them develop into responsible young people as part of our group and our community. It is our hope that we will be able to support our Wednesday Beaver and Cubs sections to run again in time, but until such a time we welcome any young people who are able to join us on Mondays for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.



Our continued thanks go to you all for your support of our group. Our leaders have been hard at work planning the badgework for the upcoming session and we are already looking forward to our next camp in mid September to Auchengillan for a different selection of outdoor activities to those we've tried before. We are always happy to welcome adult volunteers for all our sections and if this is something you may be interested in, please feel free to get in touch. We are grateful for the support of the church community for our group and ask that you keep us in your prayers as we continue our work with the young people of Port Glasgow.



It's lovely to see new faces in the choir.....there is still room for more!

If you are interested in joining the choir, speak to Mark or one of the choir members

2nd Port Glasgow Boys' Brigade

The Company Section of the Boys' Brigade has been on holiday over the last couple of months, however, we continued to meet until early June and some of our boys have been active during the School Holidays doing their Community hours for their Queen's Badge.

Following our display at the end of April we continued to meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays and prepared for our annual visit to Auchenfoil Outdoor Centre and our Band commitments in early June. Also, our new recruits from the Junior Section had a go at the Band Instruments and the Company boys enjoyed various Hall Sports.

Our weekend visit to Auchenfoil, during late May, corresponded with a good spell of weather with sunshine every day and as usual our days were packed with activities including competitive Chalet Team Sports, Chalet Team Inspection, fishing on Saturday afternoon, or a Farm visit that our new recruits from the Junior Section really enjoyed.

A visit to Elevate in Gourrock on the Saturday night is always fun. As usual the food was great and there was not much left after each Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Supper. Each night we had our Camp Fire and we are still none the wiser as to who the, "Man Was Coming Over the Hill", "What Each of Us Could Take to the Beach" and "The Story of the Empty Chalet", was scary.

Our officers gave some interesting talks that were based on some interesting Bible readings.



On Saturday 3rd June, on a magnificent sunny Saturday afternoon, our Band played at the Kilbarchan Liliass Day. Along the Parade route there were Garden Parties and a few thousand people lining the route who were all appreciating the flotilla of the many decorated lorries, colourful walking groups and the four bands who added music to the procession.



After the ceremonial crowning of The Queen, the Pipe Bands played in field arena and the 2nd Port Glasgow Band played as the various groups left the arena. The crowd in the field in the afternoon was over four thousand and over all this was a great experience for our boys and officers.

On Saturday 10th June, on a sunny day like the previous week our Band played at the opening of the Newark Primary Fete in the morning and at the Bridge of Weir Gala Day Parade in the afternoon.

On this glorious day of as much sun as we could handle, we had time to walk around the various stalls and games and enjoy an excellent burger roll and juice for our lunch as well as having an impromptu game of football. The crowds at Bridge of Weir were by far the largest we have seen there over the years and the atmosphere and the reception the crowds gave to our young Band was very encouraging. The boys and officers did not let us down.



Our Band played well at these three June events

and everyone who came along enjoyed themselves.

During the School holidays four of our boys have been undertaking the Community Service for their Queen's Badge.

Jake, Luke, Jack and Cameron have been going along to Sport in the Port and Parklea, and have thoroughly enjoyed this experience. Parklea Branching Out have been full of praise for their contribution at Port in the Sport and their help at Parklea where it is a busy time of the year. As well as completing their Queen's Badge Community Service over the last few weeks, Parklea will put these boys forward for a Saltire Award.

We all now are looking forward to the new session starting on Wednesday, 23rd August.

Our New Parish Playgroup resumes on Thursday 24th August. Please pass on the word.....





Our Final Event to celebrate our 200 years will take place on Friday 24th November at 7.00pm in the Church. This will take the form of a musical evening led by members of the Riverside Youth Band followed by the usual cuppa and cake!



Keep the date free!

Knitted Hearts



A huge thank you to those who have already completed some small knitted/crocheted hearts. The Critical Care Unit is delighted to accept them, so keep them coming.....

Who's Who in Port Glasgow:New Parish Church

Minister	Rev William Boyle
Session Clerks	Robert Guthrie
	Sheena MacFarlane
	Frances Boyd
Organist	Mark Robertson
Treasurer	Gillian Wishart
Resource	Jean Finlay
Youth Mission	Sheena MacFarlane
Safe Guarding	Lynne Guthrie/Donna Hendry
Prayer	Helen Eckford
Pastoral Care	Sheena MacFarlane
Property	Ian Dunnachie
Fire, Health & Safety	
Church Flowers	Lena Cupples
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2p Convener	Sheelagh Conn
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