

Port Glasgow New Parish Church



Good News Magazine
June 2024

Important Dates for June/July/August '24

Sun 9th June	Service of Holy Communion
Sat 15th June	First Aid Awareness Training
Sun 16th/23rd June	William on holiday
Sat 6th July	Family Fun Day
Sat 20th July	Picnic in the Park/Songs of Praise



Gift Aid

We are awaiting funds in respect of our Gift Aid claim for the tax year 2023/2024. 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.



Why not sign up now!? It's free, so long as you are paying income tax.
This is an easy way to help the church add to its finances.



Are you coming along? The church is holding a First Aid Awareness Session on Saturday 15th June from 9.30am-1.00pm. This will also include advice on using the new Defibrillators. This is open to everyone in the congregation. If you would like to participate, add your name to the list in the church.



From our Minister and Friend – William

It is hard to believe that I have now been Minister here in Port Glasgow for 4 years. I have loved my time here as your Minister and delighted with how busy we have been, not just on a Sunday morning with a growing congregation and Sunday Club but throughout the week. The church is open 7 days a week with not just our own organisations but also supporting outside organisations too and in turn hundreds of people across our Parish.

We are out and about in our Parish too, not restricting ourselves to the four walls of the building. We provide chaplaincy to three schools and Ferguson Marine. We are about to launch a new bible study outwith the church walls, we have picnic in the park, walk, talk and breakfast, a Pastoral Care team and much more.

Being Parish Minister is a huge privilege, it is something I love doing, serving God and all of the people of Port Glasgow no matter what their age with mission at the beating heart of all that we do.

I am so grateful to the many people who contribute to the work of our church, who ensure that it is open 7 days a week, who go out into our community, share the good news and serve others in a variety of different ways. You are amazing and make my job so much more manageable as I can't be everywhere.

In a challenging time for the national church where it would be so easy to focus on the doom and gloom, our church is growing, thriving, moving in the right direction with a "can do" attitude.

I continue to hope and pray as we all should, that more and more people discover our Church, that more and more people want to become part of this Church family. For those who do discover us, for those of you reading this who have not been to Church in a while, we are ready to welcome you.

Your minister and friend, William

The Lighthouse Well-being Group continues to meet on a Monday with Walking Football and every second Saturday with Walk, talk and Breakfast.



The Lighthouse group was set up for people to meet up, get to know one another and support their mental and physical well-being.

Walking Football is every Monday at 6 pm in our church hall. Walking football is exactly what it sounds like – a standard game of football where players walk instead of run. It is fun, friendly and can help you feel fitter and healthier.

Walk, talk and Breakfast is every second Saturday at 10 am, meeting in the church car park. We leave our order for breakfast and then go on a short, easily accessible walk to either Kingston Dock or the Boardwalk and back. You can walk at your own pace as we stop at various sections and the walks are open to all ages.

All of the above is FREE.

Perhaps you want to come along and see for yourself? Maybe you have been thinking about football, but not quite sure? Why not come and observe first? Or maybe come and walk some of the walking route? If you need any more information, contact: WBoyle@churchofscotland.org.uk

Sunday Services

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| <i>Sunday 2nd June</i> | <i>Morning Worship conducted by Sheena MacFarlane</i> |
| <i>Sunday 9th June</i> | <i>Sacrament of Holy Communion</i> |
| <i>Sunday 16th June</i> | <i>Morning Service conducted by Helen Eckford</i> |
| <i>Sunday 23rd June</i> | <i>Morning Worship conducted by Lynsey Anne Graham</i> |
| <i>Sunday 11th August</i> | <i>Morning Service - end of holiday club</i> |
| <i>Sunday 8th September</i> | <i>Sacrament of Holy Communion</i> |
| <i>Sunday 29th September</i> | <i>Harvest Thanksgiving</i> |
| <i>Sunday 10th November</i> | <i>Remembrance Sunday</i> |

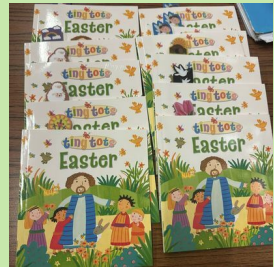
New Port Glasgow Play Group



New Parish Playgroup is going from strength to strength with dozens of families coming along on a Thursday morning to join us. We have two sessions now running which are 9.30am-11.00am and 11.30-1.00pm. We have great toys and games and we do craft and messy sensory play too. We have our snack time together with fresh fruit, pancakes, crisps, crackers, biscuits, juice, tea and coffee.



William came along to the end of both our playgroup sessions and delivered a short 5-10 minute interactive Easter service with the babies and tots. We had 30 plus families across both sessions staying for this event. William kindly gave them all an Easter bookmark to keep their page. The families were delighted!



We also had an Easter egg hunt in the church gardens which the toddlers loved, with chocolate prizes at the end.



If anyone is interested in joining our playgroup please get in touch with Pamela MacDonald or follow our playgroup Facebook page @ newparishplaygroup for all the up to date information and photos of our groups.



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. All donations go towards the work of the church and to purchase equipment for the kitchen, eg new water heater which gives constant hot water for a cuppa!



Chatty Cafe

Our Friday Chatty Cafe continues to grow and thanks to Tony and his team for making it so successful. The recent purchase of a new panini/sandwich maker has been a great hit! If you are in town on a Friday, pop in and enjoy delicious soup/toastie/cake and great fellowship.

Summer Sunday Club

Would you be willing to help out with our Summer Sunday Club? Our staff deserve a well earned break after a long winter but it is important to ensure that there is something organised for our young folk. A rota is being compiled for the 6 weeks of the holidays.

So could you volunteer for one Sunday? If so, please sign the list on the table at the link door. Thank you!

Mission and Outreach Committee

The Mission and Outreach Committee has had two very productive meetings since the start of 2024. We fed back on both Christmas & Easter Drop ins for William at the New Parish Playgroup. It was good to hear that both short services were well attended. On both occasions the children were gifted books to take home with them and due to the great turn out more books had to be ordered. The New Parish Playgroup continues to be a great success.

William is now well established as Fergusons Shipyard's Chaplain and has recently been involved with the Glen Rosa launch. He is in on a Monday and things are going well with engagement with the workers. He has been promoting the Lighthouse Group as moral is quite low in the yard at the moment.

A group of representatives of the committee travelled to Fullerton Connections in Irvine to see the great set up they have and they were very impressed with the church and halls. There is a lot going on at Fullerton and it is open every day, much like our own church. They have a church cafe that is open every day, a prayer room, bible study corner, woodland trail and even electronic notice boards to advertise what is on in the church that day/week.

The committee came back with some ideas that we can think of using for our church. Next visit will be to Stuart Davidson who is a pioneering minister from the Ferguslie Park area of Paisley. We continue to try and find other ways to engage those who are not comfortable coming to church. It was discussed on hosting something out-with the church, a neutral venue. We have decided on a Bible Study, from the Bible Society, lasting for eight weeks.

The first weeks discussion is - Introduction to the Bible. Each week has a short video and a study guide. We are hoping to hold it at 7 1/2 John Wood Street, Port Glasgow and tea, coffee and snacks will be provided. We are hoping to begin the course about the week beginning the 14th of May, ending on the week beginning 9th of July.

Marchmont Care Home

It is great that monthly services at Marchmont are going well. Many of the residents, from all faiths, are joining us on a Wednesday morning for a small act of worship.

Please keep this pastoral need in your thoughts and prayers.



Sheena Morgan Room

We were delighted to officially dedicate the new Sheena Morgan Room earlier this year. A new great asset for the congregation and community



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!

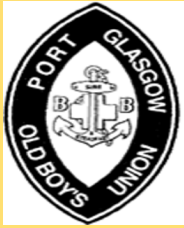
If you have any free time and would like to join the team, please speak to Robert Guthrie.

Mile of Two Pences

As at the 28th of March the total in the fund stood at £1,749.33, this was made up of the 22nd Mile £202.34, the 23rd Mile £1,252.34 and the 24th Mile £304.65

The Committee of Margaret Martin, Wilma Trann, Morag Kelly, Mary Black and Sheelagh Conn would like to say thank you to all who make donations to our fund.





Old Boys' Union

Not much to report again but will attach the syllabus. It still has to be finalised but hopefully once speakers are confirmed, the syllabus will be completed.

If there is anyone in the Church who would like to do a presentation at the OBU, and I am sure there are many with a good story to tell, please get in touch with me.

I have never reported this before but the OBU dispenses donations to The Church, the Port Glasgow BB Companies and Local Charities on an annual footing, this year we have decided to give £1,700.00 to the following:

Church - £800.00. 2nd Port BB Company £300.00. 4th Port BB Company £300.00. Inverclyde Children in Poverty £100.00. Church Angels Bank £100.00. Dementia Inverclyde Project £100.

This money was accumulated as collections and donations over the last year.

When the OBU was formed in 1906 by the Reverend Herbert Reid M.C M.A., it was formed to take Ex Boys' Brigade boys off the Street, Boys' Brigade boys who had reached 17 years of age, to prevent them from standing around street corners.

Then it was called the "Old Boys' Union", which meant not "Old" but "Former". We have now reached the stage where the Members are "Old." So, we are now looking for new members, especially the boys, or young men who are leaving the Boys' Brigade Companies, Scout Troops, church members or have been members of other organisations.

Anyone looking for a new challenge in their lives outwith computer games etc. should come along and give us a try. You will find it carries on the traditions of fostering a comradeship among the members leading towards a true Christian manliness, and I can promise you a friendly welcome. Our future meetings are as follows:

Wed. Oct 23rd	Rev. Iain Ramsden: Further Tales of a Highland Minister
Wed. Oct 30th	Captain Duncan Telfer: Cloch Lighthouse
Wed. Nov 6th	Mr. Bob Webster: Tall Ships 1999
Sun. Nov 10th	Armistice Church Service 10.45am
Wed. Nov 13th	Mr Jim Gardiner The Clydebank Blitz
Wed. Nov 20th	Dr. Kevin Pollock: Travelling Route 66
Wed. Nov 27th	St. Andrew's Night
Wed. Dec 4th	Broadstone Gardens: 9 Lessons & Carols Mr. Boyd Thomson: President's Address Mr. Eric Sweeney: China LNG Shipping Captain Murray Patterson: Burns Supper: Mr. Archie Chalmers - Immortal Memory - 7.15pm Founder's Day Service: PG New Parish Church Mr. George Parke: Machu Picchu Trek Mr. Alan Cumming: The Lords, Inverclyde Closing Business Meeting

Dates for the second half of our session still to be confirmed.

Ross Nugent (Secretary)



Still on the look out for new choir members. If interested come along and join us on a Sunday Morning You will be made very welcome..

FLOWER ROTA

7th July	The Kimmins Family
14th July	Susan Steele & Family
21st July	Lily Wilson
28th July	Helen Eckford
4th Aug	Doreen Borland _
11th August	Gillian Wishart
18th August	Jean Finlay/Jean Cunningham
25th August	Sheelagh Conn
1st September	Mary Stalker
8th September	Agnes Campbell/Ann Innes
15th September	
22nd Setember	
29th September	Harvest
6th October	Ann Innes
13th October	The Gibson Family
20th October	
27th October	Ronald & Kitty Ramsay
3rd November	Charlene Mitchell / Marilyn Hunter
10th November	Lizbeth Docherty
17th November	Sheena MacFarlane
24th November	Joe & Kathleen Bell
1st December	Margaret Mooney
8th December	
15th December	Margaret Martin
22nd December	Sheila Jamieson
29th December	



If anyone would like to add their name to the flower list or help to arrange the flowers in church on a Sunday morning, please speak with Sheena

Pastoral Register



Deaths

Thomas (Tam) Diamond
Elizabeth (Betty) Sheriff
Moira Henderson
Anne Burnett
Anne Paton
Sheila McEwen
Myra Fleming
Jim Hargie
Robert McPherson
Belle McCready

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

New Members by Transference Certificate

Jeanette Good

New Members by Resolution of the Kirk Session

John Denyer



Port Glasgow New Parish Church / Port Glasgow United Reformed Church

Holiday Club for P1 – P7

Monday 5th August - Friday 9th August 9.30 – 1.00pm

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!



Sunday Duty Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Team Leader</u>
7th July	Team 2	Lynne Guthrie
14th July	Team 3	Murray Paterson
21st July	Team 4	Robert Guthrie
28th July	Team 5	Billy Mooney
4th Aug	Team 6	Gillian Wishart
11th Aug	Team 1	Dan Blaney
18th Aug	Team 2	Lynne Guthrie
25th Aug	Team 3	Murray Paterson
1st Sept	Team 4	Robert Guthrie
8th Sept	Team 5	Bill Mooney
15th Sept	Team 6	Gillian Wishart
22nd Sept	Team 1	Dan Blaney
29th Sept	Team 2	Lynne Guthrie
6th Oct	Team 3	Murray Paterson
13th Oct	Team 4	Robert Guthrie
20th Oct	Team 5	Bill Mooney
27th Oct	Team 6	Gillian Wishart
3rd Nov	Team 1	Dan Blaney
10th Nov	Team 2	Lynne Guthrie
17th Nov	Team 3	Murray Paterson
24th Nov	Team 4	Robert Guthrie
1st Dec	Team 5	Bill Mooney
8th Dec	Team 6	Gillian Wishart
15th Dec	Team 1	Dan Blaney
22nd Dec	Team 2	Lynne Guthrie
29th Dec	Team 3	Murray Paterson

Pastoral Care



If you are aware of anyone in our congregation who requires some pastoral assistance, please complete the pastoral card at the end of each pew or do not hesitate to contact Robert / Sheena / Frances. It is vitally important that no one in our congregation is missed out.



The Guild officially finished with Holy Week but since Easter was early this year, we decided to continue meeting for tea a cuppa till the end of April.

Our session from January to March had a variety of activities and speakers. Our session got off to a good start with our old friend, Jack McHugh, who spoke about his faith journey, and in a what was also a very entertaining talk, we learned some interesting things about Jack that we did not know. We were also delighted to welcome Jack's wife Jennifer.

January is the month when we always take time to remember our roots and our Scottish culture. We had our "Shortbread and Ginger Wine" meeting (thanks to Kathleen Bell for home-made wine) and shared Scottish readings.

Ian Wilson also reminded us of our Scottish past with a talk about Port Glasgow in the 1700s.

We always enjoy food in the Guild, and in February we had a "Bite and Blether" afternoon. We had a pie and peas lunch and a quiz about old Port Glasgow which did cause a lot of discussion. A good bite and blether were enjoyed by everyone.

Not many organisations can boast 2 OBEs and a CBE on their programme. Having enjoyed a talk from Frances Boyd OBE in November, we had Sheena MacFarlane OBE who led our discussion topic, "Looking after God's World" in February.

In February we also heard Prof Jason Leitch CBE, (a recording from the Guild Annual Gathering, in the Assembly Hall in September 2023), who spoke on the theme of hope. He spoke about his charity work in an orphanage in India and his work in Scotland during the pandemic.

We continue to support our 6 Projects in Scotland, Asia, Africa and South America and Lizbeth Docherty, our Project Partner, gave an update on the progress. We hope to have raised about £500,000 by December 2024.

In March, we enjoyed a very informative visit to The Jewish Heritage Centre in the Garnethill Synagogue. It was noisy on the bus which took us there with a kind of “Sunday School Outing” atmosphere.

Our annual Coffee Morning was the first Saturday in April and we want to thank everyone who supported and helped in any way. We have received more donations since then and our total is now comfortably over £600.

I said that the Guild enjoys food and chat together, so we finished our session with our annual meal out on the 20th May. The Guild is all about sharing fun and fellowship. We will start again in September and plans have already started for our programme next year.

We wish everyone a safe and good summer.

Helen Eckford (President)



47th Scouts

As it has been some time since our last update, I am happy to share that our young people have been busy as ever earning badges and learning new skills.

Our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts had a fun time at Lapwing Lodge in November where the young people took part in laser Tag, archery, high ropes, low ropes, Christmas crafts, and had the chance to run around in the frosty forest, which they always greatly enjoy.

After a well-earned break over Christmas, all sections got back to working towards a range of badges.

This term, Beavers have worked towards their Space, Air Activities 1, and International badges through a variety of activities.



Cubs have earned their Home Safety, Road Safety, Personal Safety, and Emergency Aid 2 badges, and are currently working towards their Chef badge. Scouts have earned Emergency Aid 3 and Astronautics badges, and are also working towards their Chef badge as well.

Our membership numbers have continued to grow as we continue to welcome new friends into Beavers, as well as investing 3 new Cubs and 4 new Scouts.

Beavers and Cubs had the pleasure of the first camp of the year at Everton Campsite at the beginning of March.

They participated in Easter and Mother's Day crafts, soft archery, blind trails, camp cooking and of course getting a chance to run around in the outdoors.

Scouts are looking forward to joining Greenock and District at the Itchy Midge camp at the end of May where they will have the opportunity to make connections with other Scouts from across our area. We also hope to have the opportunity to have a few more camps before the end of the year to give our young people the opportunity to participate in activities that they wouldn't normally be able to access otherwise.

We are very proud to announce that our Group Scout Leader Conor has recently received his King's Scout Award which is the highest award that can be received in Scouting. Conor is also the first person in Port Glasgow to receive this prestigious award, and was



fortunate enough to recently be invited to the Windsor Day of Celebration and Achievement, joined by Scouts all over the country.

There are only a few weeks left of our session before we break for the summer, so our young people and leaders will be working to get through those last few badges before a well earned rest. Though we can't say yet what badges we'll be working on into the new school year, we are excited to say that the district Gang Show

will be back this November and we hope to have a number of our leaders and young people involved in a variety of roles.



Our thanks as always for the continued support of the New Parish community. We hope that you keep us in your prayers.

1st Port Glasgow Girls' Brigade

1st PG GB had a busy time at Christmas. As well as our usual trip to the Pantomime, Christmas Crafts night and Christmas Party, the Explorers participated in the New Parish Nativity.



We resumed in 2024 and continued with our Badgework and Squad Challenge nights.

The Explorers had a wonderful afternoon at the Clyde Division 'Pyjama Party'. They decorated pillow cases, made door nameplates, decorated Jelly baby in bed biscuits had story time and played games. All of this was done in their pyjamas – of course!

The Juniors event was a Neon Party, with lots of UV lights, neon clothes, face paints, glow sticks and a photo booth. They played games and danced all afternoon before a buffet dinner.

The Brigaders and leaders had the honour of attending the dedication of the new Sheena Morgan Hall. This was a very moving and emotional day for everyone. In the afternoon the Company held a Teddy Bears' Picnic in memory of Sheena. We had crafts, games, Going on a Bearhunt Yoga and afternoon tea. This included teddy shaped sandwiches and pancakes, gummy bears and bear decorated cupcakes. This was all organized by the Brigaders as part of their badge work.

We were delighted that three leaders Abbie Hair, Cate McGeachy and Morag Kelly decided to complete their leaders training and take vows in Church, at our Display, to be fully commissioned leaders within 1st PG GB. Congratulations and well-done ladies!

The Company finished the session with our Display and Prizegiving. The girls all worked hard practicing, to showcase some of the things they have done throughout the year.

It was a super night which we finished off with Jason Manford's Assembly Bangers. We had light sticks for all the children who were there. It was a great atmosphere. William shared a video of it on X [Twitter] and tagged Jason Manford in it. Jason then reposted it and it has had over 16.4K views at the time of writing this!!

Our numbers are quite good at the moment but there is still space for more girls in all three sections when the new session starts in August. All school age girls are welcome to join us.

Explorers P1 – P3	6.00-7.00pm
Juniors P4 – P7	7.10-8.30pm
Brigaders S1 – S5	7.10-8.30pm

See our Facebook page “1st Port Glasgow Girls’ Brigade” or contact us at 1stportgb@gmail.com if you require any more information.



***Picnic in The Park is also back ! Saturday 20th July
Lots of games, fun, fellowship and food (bring your own)
Also delighted that members from the Riverside Youth Band
will be joining us.***

Keep both dates free, we would love to see you there !

2nd Port Glasgow Boys' Brigade

Company/SeniorSection

The Company/Senior Section has been very busy over the last 6 months.



On a **Wednesday** (Uniform Night) up until the Christmas break, we continued our programme of Squads Fall In, Drill and Band Practice, Warm Up, Gymnastics and Hall Sports, finishing with Tuck Shop and Fall Out, with Squad competitions every 3rd week.

On a less formal **Thursday** night, we continued with Band Learners, Band Practice and Bible Class (Reflections), Hall Sports and Tuck Shop.

The boys took part in a good fun Christmas games night before the Christmas break that had games such as table tennis, pool, darts, pillow fight and shuv halfpenny, as well as a feast from a local take-away restaurant to end the festivities

On ate a Friday lafternoon our Table Tennis club continued to meet before and after the Christmas break.

After the Christmas break, our programme gradually changed, as we looked forward to our Annual Display which took place in the Church on Friday 19th April.

As well as our 3 nights in the hall and church, our boys have taken part in various Battalion and National competitions.

In the Battalion Competitions our boys have done very well winning the table tennis cup, swimming cup, archery shield and cross country.

In the Master Team we had a very young team of Company boys competing against much older Senior teams and they finished 4th, remaining in contention till the last round.

In the Bible Quiz we had 10 boys taking part and they all enjoyed this difficult challenge. This sessions Drill competition takes place soon

Our boys enjoyed both the Church Youth Service in February this year and the Battalion Parade which took place in March. Our Band and Company were at the front of the large parade around Port Glasgow.

Our boys took an active part in both these Church Services. The Company Display took place on Friday 19th April along with our Anchor Boys and Junior Section. For all 4 sections this was the culmination of competition, practicing, hard work, as well as encouragement and a lot of fun during a session where the boys learnt new skills and developed old skills as well as how to work as a team which all contributes to the "Advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys".

At the Display Jake received his Queen's Badge, the highest BB award and Ben received his President's Badge that will allow him to start on his King's Badge work during next session.

Four of our boys, Charlie, Luke, Jack and Ben have continued working towards their Queen's Badge.

We hope you enjoyed the Display and reading how the session to date in the 2nd Port Glasgow BB Company/Senior Section has taken shape.

Looking ahead towards us finishing this session in early June, we are already meeting on a Wednesday and Thursday.

Table Tennis coaching continues on a Friday and we hope to take part in a tournament to finish things off.

Band practices continue and the band is playing at Kilbarchan (Lilias Day) on Saturday, 1st June and Bridge of Weir Gala Day on Saturday, 8th June.

The Officers are also arranging some fun events for the boys. Hall Sports and Park Sports are also underway each Wednesday and Thursday.

2nd Port Glasgow Girls' Brigade

We have had a busy year with badge work and fun activities.

The Explorers went to a Pyjama Party while the Juniors had a Neon Party. They also enjoyed learning to knit, baking, painting and mixing with each other. All the girls had lots of fun during team games and other activities.

One of our Officers, Kathleen or Mrs G, as she is known, has retired after 33 years service. She will be missed by everyone but time now for her to relax.

Our Annual Prize Giving was a fantastic night, girls and parents enjoying themselves.

Prize winners

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| Junior Bible | Ellie McKibben |
| Senior Bible | Emily & Hayley Johnstone |
| Best Explorer | Freya Reagan |
| Best Recruit | Meya Reaga, winner
Shannon Taggart, runner up |
| McKay Waugh | Ellie McKibbon |
| Best Girl | Libby Polland |



I hope everyone has a fantastic summer and we will see you all in August.

Izzy Docherty (Officer in Charge)



Summer of fun for Riverside Youth Band



The final touches are being added to Riverside Youth Band's programme as it prepares for a very special summer gala concert.

The packed evening of music takes place in Port Glasgow Community Campus on Friday, June 21, and will see the

Riverside Youth and Training bands take to the stage, conducted by musical director Mark Good, with the Riverside Rookies led by Laura Good.

This year, a special guest will join the action in the form of the cooperation band - the reigning Scottish champion (Championship Section) and a two-time champion band of Great Britain.

That makes the concert a night of champions, with Riverside Youth and Training bands having both been crowned Scottish champions in November. It comes as Riverside was also named a finalist in the Greenock Telegraph's Community Champions award, in the live music category.

Looking ahead to the summer concert, Mark Good commented: "The past year has been an extremely exciting time for Riverside Youth Band, with successful performances on the contest and concert platforms. We're extremely excited to be bringing our summer term to a close with our summer concert, especially as we welcome a very special guest in the form of the cooperation band - it promises to be a fantastic evening for all the family."

Preparations for the concert come as Riverside recently held its in-house solo competition, with more than 20 performers taking to the stage in Port Glasgow Salvation Army.

There was further success, meanwhile, for principal horn player Andrea Crumlish, who was crowned Scottish youth solo champion.

The summer concert will include a raffle, with tea and coffee at the interval. Tickets cost £10, and under-12s go free.

Tickets should be booked in advance via



[:https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/riverside-youth-band/t-mokqyjd](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/riverside-youth-band/t-mokqyjd).

Alternatively, speak to Mark or Laura Good at Port Glasgow New Parish Church on a Sunday morning.

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 Galbraith:

nfo@riversideyouthband.co.uk or call 07974 106 888.



**Huge
Congratulations to
our very own Ian
Dunnachie for a
lifetime's service
with the Steadfast
Silver Band.**



If you require to contact our minister, Rev William Boyle,
either phone **01475 745407** or
email **WBoyle@churchofscotland.org.uk**

For Sunday Morning Worship and all Church News tune into our
Facebook Page - Port Glasgow New Parish Church
YouTube channel - portglasgownewparishchurch
Twitter page - newparishchurchportglasgow.uk
Instagram - portparish

Also our church web page can be found on
<http://newparishchurchportglasgow.uk>



Who's Who in Port Glasgow New Parish

Minister	Rev William Boyle
Session Clerks	Robert Guthrie 01475 744790 Sheena MacFarlane 01505 873514 Frances Boyd 01505 873437
Organist	Mark Robertson
Treasurer	Gillian Wishart
Resource	Jean Finlay
Youth Mission	Sheena MacFarlane
Safe Guarding	Lynne Guthrie Donna Hendry
Prayer	
Pastoral Care	Sheena MacFarlane
Flowers	Lena Cupples
Property	Ian Dunnachie
Data Protection	Lorna Stein
Fire, Health & Safety	Frances Boyd
20p Convenor	Kathleen Guthrie
2p Convenor	Sheelagh Conn
Church Web Page	Anne McAnnally



