

News from Cathcart Trinity Church

September & October 2018



Board Games Evenings

The Community Team have been running board games evenings on Thursdays during the summer holidays at the U.F church (7.30-9.30pm).

This is open to everyone and we are welcoming many people from our local community who do not usually come to church.

We have had an average of 30 people coming each night to play a variety of games from Monopoly to UNO and Backgammon to Frustration.



All games are provided but people are welcome to bring their own and find new people to play with.

The joy of these evenings is learning new games and playing with people we have not met before. It is a great way to meet new people in a relaxed and fun atmosphere.

Tea, coffee, juice and snacks are provided.

Our next 3 sessions will be 23rd August, 30th August and 6th September.

After that it will be on the first Thursday of October and November.

We hope to see you there some night!

Sheila Millar.



My Summer

I went on a Scripture Union camp this summer called LM1 at Lendrick Muir for 7 nights. It was great fun and I did a lot of activities including: Neukem Ball, Sports, Kayaking and Go-Karting.

When I did Go-Karting I crashed right off the track and my leader (Mhairi McLay) was laughing and so was I!



One of the best things was that it was sunny all the time and we even got to do praise outdoors one night.

At bible time we learned about different kings like Solomon and others. I really enjoyed my experience and hope to do it again.

Kirsty Kitchin.

Foodbank:

Thank you for the superb response to our desperate appeal last month. We have now been able to put food on the shelves which is a great relief.

Although we now have some food I would ask that you continue to remember us because unfortunately the need never goes away. People come for many reasons from unemployment, mental health, unable to work because of significant physical difficulties and people who have come from other countries where they have fled hostilities and poverty.

Your donations mean that we can offer a little support which is greatly appreciated.

Our list is longer than usual but we continue to have a surplus of pasta!

List – tinned vegetables, custard/rice, meat, potatoes, pasta sauce and tinned tomatoes, fruit, soup, beans, tea, coffee and toiletries. Nappies too are often needed especially sizes 4,5 and 6.

Thanks,
Anne & Norma.

Responding to the call in our fragmented world.



Lord Jesus you have called your people to be with you where you are.

To our fragmented world you bring hope.

In the midst of suffering you give comfort to the wounded soul.

Where there is war and devastation you reach out to heal and to save.

Prince of Peace you are present in all things.

You spoke these words to us Lord,

'Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.'

John 14:12

Give us listening hearts to hear the voice of your calling and courage to walk in your footsteps with boldness and compassion.

Teach us how to bring healing, peace and reconciliation to our fragmented world.



Heather Macdonald

A word from our Minister:

Last week a holiday firm was censured by the Advertising Standards Authority for describing getaways available in September and October as being during 'Summer.'

I suspect most of us would agree with the regulator on that one. We can understand the holiday firm's desire to make their peak holiday times appear cheaper, but from any perspective October is not during Summer. It's in Autumn.

If I'm being honest, Autumn is not my favourite of the seasons, but when I heard the news about this advert I found myself feeling a bit sorry for it.

I don't know if you've heard (or know) how many days it is until Christmas, but it's not just holiday firms that can seem to want to jump straight from Summer to Winter. However as times and seasons change I always feel drawn to Ecclesiastes 3:

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under
the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to
build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to
gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to
refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw
away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

Some of the things mentioned in the passage sound amazing ways to spend your time, others are things that you wish you could avoid.

However the message in it all, is that whether a situation is there for a long or short season, our God is there with us. Whatever season of the soul you are experiencing as you read this letter, God is with you.

So as we begin Autumn 2018 as a Church family let's give thanks that God is with us in this new term and look to praise him as we see him at work in the world around us and also at work in us.

With every blessing,

Alasdair.

Covenant

Our two congregations have been successfully working together under the Covenant signed in February 2011.

While the formal covenant between our denominations has been dissolved our local arrangement has remained strong and we have developed a number of initiatives jointly to bring effective Christian witness to the community of Cathcart.

In order to reflect the changes that have occurred in the intervening years the Covenant has been re-drafted and on Sunday evening, 19 August, a service was held in Cathcart Trinity Church of Scotland to re-affirm our commitment to working together.

The service was well attended with members of both congregations. Rev. Alasdair MacMillan opened the service and gave a warm welcome to all in attendance. The themes of the evening were of unity and thanksgiving.

Iain Duff and Shelagh Coulter spoke enthusiastically about the Covenant and of the advantages of working together. Not only have been able to be a more effective Christian Witness within Cathcart but there has been a deepening of relationships between members of our congregations. It is good that our community can see Christians working together across denominations and we pray that this can happen more widely across our City and beyond.

John Fulton gave the address preaching on unity and how God blesses those who are united together in Jesus Christ. Following the formal signing of the document by Alasdair MacMillan, John Fulton, Lesley Mathieson and Iain Duff, the work of the congregations, in covenant, was committed in prayer.

The meeting was closed with the celebration of Communion led by Wilma Pearson. This was an evening of true celebration and a re-commitment of the joint work of the churches in Cathcart.

Covenant (2018 version)

Cathcart Trinity and Cathcart United Free congregations share a common faith and calling.

We believe in one God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit- and share in the calling to serve God's purposes in the world.

We recognise and affirm the uniqueness of the congregations and the importance of working together.

We're committed to :

- Proclaiming the Kingdom of God
- Declaring the gospel of Jesus Christ
- Sharing in the work God has called us to do
- Growing together in faith
- Serving our communities in the love and strength of Christ
- Providing opportunities for all to grow in knowledge and understanding of faith and encouraging the living out of that faith

We agree:

- to provide opportunities to worship, witness and serve together
- to pray and study God's Word jointly and separately
- to share resources of people and buildings
- to work with other congregations when that is possible

We will:

- share the preaching and teaching resources between the congregations
- have good communication between the congregations
- have joint working wherever feasible and beneficial
- encourage supportive relationships
- seek God's will for the congregations jointly and separately
- connect with the local community and be a blessing to it

We agree to joint representation on the nominating/ selection committee when a new minister is sought by either congregation. Unless otherwise agreed, at least 2 members will be nominated from the 'other' congregation.

We give thanks to God for bringing us together in faith, worship and service and seek His way forward in this covenant relationship.

Stamps

Many thanks to everyone who passed on stamps over the summer. Two parcels have already been sent to Crossreach and there are more stamps and postcards still to be sent.

Keep up the good work. If you have time and if you can, it would be very helpful to have the stamps trimmed to a border of between quarter and half an inch all round.

Many of you already separate your stamps into UK and foreign, and that's very helpful too. Thanks again to you all.

Margaret Brough

Thanks Ian

When I was training to be a minister one of the things our Ministry Support Officers at Church Offices always stressed was the importance of being surrounded by a good team.

In light of this, to say that I was blessed when I arrived at Cathcart Trinity to find Iain Duff as my Session Clerk feels a bit of an understatement. There have been countless moments where I have thanked God for the way that Iain has been there for me both personally and professionally.

He has shared his wisdom with me, encouraged me, challenged me (always with love and tact) and has faithfully executed the duties of Session Clerk. Above that, Iain has helped lead the congregation through a vacancy, through a financial crisis and through the first steps

in ministry of a newly ordained minister. He has served us and God faithfully.

As Iain steps down from the role of Session Clerk we give thanks for all that he has done here in Cathcart Trinity and pray on for all that God has in store for him both here and in Tenerife and as Angus Morrison takes on the role of Session Clerk, supported by Fiona Jones (continuing as Depute Clerk) we pray that Angus would be filled by the Holy Spirit and equipped for all that he will face in the days to come.

Alasdair

Concert

'The Heart and Soul Swing Band' will be making a rare trip to Glasgow on Friday 28 September to play a fundraising gig at Wellington Church on University Avenue.

In the last year the band have played in East Lothian, the Borders, Fife, Edinburgh, Dundee and Hamilton but this will be only their second appearance in Glasgow (the first was a memorable night at Cathcart Trinity a couple of years ago).

In the last five years the band have raised over £25,000 for the Church of Scotland's HIV Programme, supporting projects in Scotland and overseas.

It would be great to see a strong south-side presence at Wellington Church on Friday 28th - doors open at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start.

More information is available from Andy Pearson.

Ministry and Mission Contributions 2018

We recently received confirmation from 121 George Street (Church of Scotland HQ) that our contribution for 2018 towards Ministry and Mission will be £111,635.

They also included a useful leaflet explaining how this money is used, with 84% of it, £93,215 being used to provide over 750 ministers and other parish workers across Scotland and further afield. This includes the costs associated with the employment of our own minister.

The remaining £18,420 is used to support the Church's work in providing resources for congregations, social care, accompanying partners around the World, contributing to public debate on issues affecting Scotland and the World as well as the central administrative support required for

the functioning of the National Church.

In Summary:

For every £10 that you give on a Sunday approximately £4.50 is kept by Cathcart Trinity

£4.60 pays for our ministers across the country (including our own).

£0.90 gives important help for congregations and supports the mission of the Church.

Celebration of Communion

All friends and members of the Congregation are invited to join us for the Celebration of Communion at the following Services:

Sunday 9 September
Morning Communion
11.00am

Evening Worship with
Communion 6.30pm.

Thursday 13 September
Lunchtime Service with
Communion 12.45pm.

News from Kirk Session

Kirk Session has met twice since we last gave an update in the Newsletter.

At our June meeting it was intimated that Wilma is not seeking to have her contract, as Associate Minister in Cathcart Trinity Church, renewed when it expires at the end of October. Wilma's achievements in this role are many and we are sad to see her go, but also recognise that, given the end of the Presbytery Staffing Fund by the National Church, it would have been difficult for us to continue to support this ministry financially.

Kirk Session is supporting the Minister to put in place arrangements to deal with this change.

Wilma will continue to work with the United Free Church and will be part of any joint activities through the Covenant.

There will be an opportunity to give thanks for Wilma's ministry at a church service towards the end of October.

At our August meeting Ewan Gourlay was appointed Presbytery Elder for the forthcoming year and we are looking forward to hearing back from him about important work that Glasgow Presbytery do on behalf of the church.

We also noted the resignation of Isobel Trainer from Kirk Session and thanked her for her many years of Service to both this Congregation and previously in New Cathcart Church.

At the end of the meeting Angus Morrison was sworn in as our new Session Clerk. His appointment has been welcomed and all members of the Kirk Session look forward to working with him in the future.

Iain Duff.

Harvest Thanksgiving – Sunday 7th October

We will celebrate Harvest on Sunday 7th October at 11.00am. Gifts of food will be given to the South East Food Bank. Financial contributions will be used to support the work of the Lodging House Mission.

Friday Badminton Group

The Friday Badminton Group recommences in the Kent Hall on 7 September 2018 between 9:30 and 11:30 am.

New (church or non-church) players with no or any level of playing experience will be welcomed. Tuition and racquets are available.

Tea and coffee are served during each session. For more information please contact Alex Laughlan. Tel: 0141 637 3837 or alexanderlaughlan@hotmail.com

Men's Evening reconnected Friday 5 October 2018 7.30pm Cathcart Trinity

Come along for some coffee and chat, and a presentation from our speaker, Roddy MacLeod, preacher and missionary, who will share his experiences on the Gospel frontline in rural Kenya.

Roddy is an engaging speaker who also works for Christian Men Together, and has a passion to see men connect better with God and with each other.

Email
dougie.paton@sky.com if you need more information.

reConnected builds on a strong heritage of well-supported men's events locally and is designed to be informal and occasional with no syllabus, subscription or formal membership. A few of the many possibilities for further sessions are: a discussion night with a speaker from the Christian Institute; curry nights and/or men's breakfasts; and participation in southside men's dinner events.

Talking Jesus

Over the past two months a number of us have been taking part in a course entitled Talking Jesus led by Wilma and John.

We've been meeting on Monday evenings to explore God's story, our individual faith stories, how the two are intertwined and how better to equip ourselves to share this with the people in our lives who are not yet committed to a personal relationship with God through the Lord Jesus.

We've laughed and cried as we have been able to share parts of our stories with one another in small groups.

We've encouraged one another with tales of opportunities that God has given us where we have been able to share some of our faith stories.

There has also been an honesty about missed opportunities where we might have spoken but didn't.

Each session began with refreshments and informal chat and then down to business.

There were 2 video clips to watch, the first one giving real life examples of people's faith in action and the second one being more of a 'parable' style to get us thinking and discussing.

At one of the early sessions we were encouraged to write down the names of five people for whom we were prepared to pray regularly and with whom we were prepared to 'talk Jesus' as opportunities were given.

As the weeks progressed we began to encourage and support one another in smaller groups by means of WhatsApp, texts or e-mails.

As we prayed each day for opportunities to share our faith, we began to see our prayers being answered and were able to share stories of God-given opportunities, not only with our 'five' people but also with others as we went about our daily lives.

We were encouraged to be 'intentional' in sharing our faith and not to be afraid, to face our fears, to trust God and allow the Holy Spirit to work through us as we shared our faith stories with others.

Perseverance is also to be encouraged. Galatians 6:9 says 'in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.'

For me, this course was only the beginning, the introduction and inspiration to be bolder in my approach.

We are all surrounded by people who do not yet know Jesus. How will they ever get to know Him unless we are prepared to tell them?

I can honestly say that of all the courses I have done in recent years, Talking Jesus has had the greatest impact on me in terms of being inspired to pray for opportunities to share my faith and see God's hand at work.

Hopefully the course will be repeated at some point and I would encourage those of you who may be thinking about doing it not to just 'think about it' but to 'do it'!

Paul encouraged the Christians in the early church in Colossae to pray that God may open a door for their message, so that they may proclaim the mystery of Christ. Colossians 4:2-3.

May this be our prayer at the start of each day and may we seek to share something of Jesus with each person God brings into our lives today and in the days ahead.

Karen Beveridge

CATHCART OMF PRAYER MEETING DATES

7th September
1pm-2.30pm
33 Tankerland Road.
Speaker Martin Paterson OMF Scottish Rep. He will share on his recent visit to Vietnam and the wider work in Asia

5th October
1pm-2.30pm
33 Tankerland Road
Someone who works in China will be with us. Please come and join us. All will be most welcome.

YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO BELIEVE

This was perfectly demonstrated in West Africa earlier this year when an 83 year old Fulani man came to faith in Jesus.

The man was converted to Islam when he was 17 but his first contact with the gospel came in January 2018 when a Serve in Mission worker and a local Fulani believer turned up in his village. The old man was a very influential figure. He was head of his compound.

He lived there with his two sons and their many wives and countless children. He was however very open to hearing about Jesus and the hope the gospel offered.

As the workers left they gave him a little red radio pre-loaded with

the New Testament, some Bible stories and praise songs.

They hardly dared hope for what happened. The man put his faith in Jesus and began telling everyone about Him.

Normally Fulani people would be quiet about their faith but he did the opposite, telling everyone about Jesus. Every night he gathers his family around and they listen to the Scriptures in their own language.

Several of the children know the words to the songs and sing them eagerly. The man has told his friends "Now I know why God has allowed me to live this long. It is so that I might know the truth and share it with my family, you are never too old to believe.

(This story is reported in the Serve in Mission Magazine)

Creche

We have been busy in creche with a bit of a tidy up of toys and equipment. So, we are all set for fun and activity. While having fun, it's important that we share God's love with our youngest children: we will soon have our own creche prayer.

Sunday Club

Some of our children at Sunday Club have just started school. We wish them well and hope that they enjoy meeting their classmates in P1.

We have been learning about Joseph and Elisha over the summer. Two very different lives, but both men of God.

We are pleased to welcome Tom Purdom to our team.

Pathfinders

We are excited about our new term at Pathfinders and are happy to be adding Karen Purdom to our team.

The new theme at Pathfinders will be Christian Lifestyle.

These sessions will build on the Christian Foundations series we looked at earlier in the year and explore what it means for a child or young person to be a Christian. How should they live, what do they need to understand, who do they need to aspire to be like?

Be sure to Like the Cathcart Trinity Church page on Facebook to see whats coming up each week.

Cathcart Trinity Youth Club

The youth club opens its door for the new session on Tuesday 11 September 2018 from 3.00pm to 4.45pm. It's open to children in primaries 3 to 7 inclusive, and costs £1 per week – pay as you go.

Most of the children attending come from Merrylee Primary, but everyone is made very welcome.

Among the activities on offer are crafts, ball games, board games, Lego, table tennis, clay modelling and of course a tuck shop.

We're asking newsletter readers to do 2 things: Pass the word to your neighbours and friends – we reckon this is the best value after-school care on offer anywhere!

Consider whether you might have 2 hours to spare on Tuesday afternoons during the school term to join the volunteer leader team.

If you have any affinity with primary kids, you are probably qualified!

If you have some craft skills, you would be especially welcome.

Please speak to Bill Martin or Dougie Paton if you want to find out more.

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES
CATHCART YOUTH MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP SC039290

DATES	EVENT	TIME	THEME	LOCATION
Friday 24 th August 2018	MONKEY BUSINESS for P1-P7 YOUTH CAFÉ for P7-S6	3pm until 5pm 7pm until 9pm	COURAGE Daniel and the Lion's Den	The Gateway
Friday 7 th September 2018	THE POINT TRIP for S1-S6	TBC		TBC
Friday 14 th September until Sunday 16 th September 2018	RADIATE WEEKEND AWAY for P7-S6	Leaving 6pm on 14/9/18 Returning 5pm on 16/9/18	GLORIOUS God is Great Good Glorious Gracious	Lendrick Muir
Saturday 29 th September 2018	MONKEY BUSINESS for P1-P7 YOUTH CAFÉ for P7-S6	3pm until 5pm 7pm until 9pm	ADVENTUROUS Moses crossing the Red Sea	The Gateway
Saturday 29 th September 2018	SPARK for P7-S6 United Free youth event			Stirling
Friday 12 th October 2018	YOUTH CAFÉ for P7-S6	7pm until 9pm	FAIR TRADE	The Gateway
Saturday 3 rd November 2018	MONKEY BUSINESS for P1-P7 YOUTH CAFÉ for P7-S6	3pm until 5pm 7pm until 9pm	SHARING Feeding of the 5,000	TBC
Friday 16 th November 2018	YOUTH CAFÉ for P7-S6	7pm until 9pm	THANKSGIVING	The Gateway
Saturday 17 th November 2018	POWERPOINT for S1-S6 Intercity youth event	Doors open at 7pm Event finishes at 10pm	MADE FOR MORE	Glasgow Elim
Saturday 24 th November 2018	SPARK for P7-S6 United Free youth event			Stirling
Friday 30 th November 2018	CYMP 10 th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT by SHINE one of the largest youth theatre companies in the UK	7:30pm followed by a light supper	CELEBRATE	Cathcart Trinity
Saturday 1 st December 2018	MONKEY BUSINESS for P1-P7 YOUTH CAFÉ for P7-S6	3pm until 5pm 7pm until 9pm	CHRISTMAS	The Gateway
Friday 14 th December 2018	YOUTH CAFÉ for P7-S6	7pm until 9pm	CHRISTMAS	The Gateway

Check out your local church for Sunday services



Being a praying congregation is part of our vision.

We can pray with one another and for one another.

All we need is a heart open to God: to speak to Him, to listen to Him.

We can go to God in prayer just as we are.

Prayer with others respects confidentiality and is a shared time speaking and listening to God.

Our prayer may include:

- thanksgiving
- concerns in our community / world
- about a particular issue
- for our church family
- for ourselves
- response to what God is saying

Who: anyone.

When: at the end of worship.

Where: near the band.



The Well Multi-Cultural Resource Centre

The Well is looking for volunteer advisers. The commitment is not a heavy one, 3 hours per week but runs all year round. Potentially interested? Here are the answers to some questions you might have:

What is the Well?

The Well operates from a shop space in Albert Road and is a key ministry to the people of Govanhill, and beyond, offering among other things an advice and support service to those who struggle with the admin of managing everyday life in Scotland. Most service users have their ethnic roots in the Indian sub-continent or Eastern Europe but for others it's Africa, the Middle East, or beyond. Some are ethnic Scots, vulnerable in different ways.

Why do people come to the Well?

Some look for a sympathetic ear, or for reassurance, in times of trouble.

Most come with very practical needs, a letter from the job centre or the council that needs action to ensure benefits won't be stopped; a phone call, or more commonly now an online message, which must be made about a change of address or of employment; or help in understanding correspondence from all kinds of places - from dodgy PPI lawyers to jury duty citations.

If your command of English language, or Scottish culture, is not great, these things can be very stressful and confusing.

What do you need to help at the Well?

- A love for people, especially disadvantaged ones, and a desire to serve them in Christ's name.
- **3 hours per week at a set time each week**; slots are either 9.30am to 12.30pm or 1.00pm to 4.00pm.
- Common sense and patience, especially with regard to government or council forms, both in hard copy, and on screen.
- A good ear to listen, and the ability to communicate clearly and simply – with clients, on the phone, and online on their behalf.

Would I get training?

- The answer is that you will certainly be invited to shadow an experienced advisor, but after a wee while most people realise that every case is different, and that the best way to learn is to “have a go” – knowing there will always be someone to ask if you get stuck. And very soon you will get stuck less and less.

What do I do next?

Go onto the Well Multi-Cultural Resource Centre website or Facebook page which will give you some more background. Call Rhoda the manager and arrange a “no obligation” visit!

This is a great time to be joining up with the new Universal Credit benefit replacing most previous benefits and tax credits in our area as from the end of September.

All the advisers will be learning the full implications of this together. It’s worth pointing out that Universal Credit advice at The Well will nearly always involve online interactions, which is a big change!

Church family news:

We were sorry to learn of the passing of Donald MacDonald, Jim Clark, Bill Seaman, Rachel Stanfield, Jack Brown, Ian Bainbridge, Irene Boyd and Margaret Jones between June and August.

We give thanks for their lives and for their involvement in our Church and pray that they may now be at peace in God’s glorious heaven.

We are pleased to welcome Calvin Lightbody as a member of Cathcart Trinity.

June Allison

The Guild:



The Opening Meeting of the 2018-19 Session will be in the Kent Hall on Tuesday 2nd October at 7.30 pm when the entertainment will be provided by the Caledonian Fiddle Orchestra. Tickets for the Opening Social are available from Committee Members, at a cost of £15 for members (this includes a Capitation Fee of £10) and £5 for visitors.

The programme for the remainder of October is as follows:

- 9th October - Nan's Story - Ms. L.M. Allan
- 16th - The Romanoffs - Mrs. W. Sandiford
- 23rd - Women Pilots in World War II - Mr. R. Johnston
- 30th - Journey Down the Irrawaddy - Mrs. V. MacDonald

As always, the Guild are happy to welcome all members of the congregation and their friends to any of the above talks in which they are interested.

The Guild's Annual Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 3rd November. Tickets will be on sale in October.'

Margaret Brough

Fabric Update

Over the Summer months the team have not been idle.

A number of areas within and outwith the Church & Halls have been scrutinised and improvements made.

A few months ago, a couple of our intrepid Trustees took their climbing skills to new heights. They went into the roof space above the sanctuary. Climbing up the outside of the building behind the main stained glass window and went into the roof space to see the extent of water penetration and what state the fabric was found in this critical space.

Well surprise surprise! They found the roof space very dry and dusty with no smell of dampness, even though there had been rain in the week preceding their visit.

They did however identify an area between two of the roof trusses that did give cause for concern and will need further investigation to establish what will need to be done to stop any further water penetration at the apex of the sanctuary ceiling.

Over the next few months we will get quotes to repair this section and to point the buttresses outside the rear corner of the sanctuary. Hopefully this will stop any water dripping through the roof and stop the paint peeling off the stonework.

On a more mundane matter, we replaced the water heater in the Gents Toilet outside the Buchanan Hall.

Stuart also went up onto the lower roof to clear the valley gutters of debris and accumulated a number of bags of rubbish that was blocking the drains. Work will continue to be carried out on a regular basis to limit the water ingress in the area outside the Andrew Smillie Room.

We have received a couple of quotes for the repairs to the Kitchen roof and the roof above the Youth Room and these amount to approx. £30,000 each.

The right hand door at the Kent Hall entrance has been fixed closed whilst we await quotes to repair the hinge mechanism.

Stuart painted and fitted new Perspex protection to the Kent Hall stained glass windows and they certainly have allowed the light to shine through and show the windows in a new light.

In the last week we have spent a lot of time and effort bringing the Buchanan Hall up to date.

We have repaired and re-plastered two of the walls within the chancel area and our thanks must go to John Jones for all his hard work in getting this done very quickly and professionally.

Our retired Session Clerk was involved in the sanding of the Buchanan Hall floor and this will have been sealed with varnish by the time this newsletter is issued. My thanks goes to Iain for all his help in doing this heavy dusty work.

The walls and ceiling have been repainted in two complimenting shades of green and the gold lettering round the dome has also been upgraded. Thanks goes to the Art & Crafts club for their help in choosing the colour scheme and their support in this project.

The overall effect makes this hall feel very calm and a place that will continue to play an important part in the message that the cupola projects to all those who use it on a weekly basis. If you get a chance to view the hall before or after a Sunday Service please feel free to visit the Buchanan Hall and see the changes for yourself.

On a Sunday morning you will have seen that one of the Church Pendant lights is missing.

We identified that the light was faulty and needed the lights, starters and chokes within the fitting replaced. The difficulty in getting the shade and fitting removed cannot be diminished. This in itself was a very difficult and delicate task.

The Board have agreed that when we replace the missing light we should undertake to repair all the other lights at the same time and to this end we will be bringing in an elevator scissor hoist to help with the work at this height.

The Kent hall has seen a couple of innovative events over the summer that have brought in a new source of income to Cathcart Trinity Church.

The first event that took place early on in July was an Asian pre-Wedding party whereby a family hired the hall on a Saturday night to entertain members of their extended family the

day before their son was due to get married.

They decked the hall using table and chair covers and flowers on all the tables and also turned the stage into a greeting platform to meet the groom to be. The overall presentation was very colourful together with the guests dresses provided a very exotic ambience to the night.

The buffet was served and consisted of an excellent range of authentic Asian food.

The Trustees on that night were certainly well fed and entertained during the evening.

Overall a very different evening in the Kent Hall and one that I hope will continue to bring additional income into the church.

The other venture that the Board have agreed is to let the Kent Hall to a football coaching class for Primary 1 & 2 children on a Wednesday evening and Saturday morning every week of the school calendar. Adventure Football paying a commercial rent for the use of this hall for 39 weeks of the year.

You do not need to worry about balls being used in the Kent Hall as they are using very light balls that are very similar to large table tennis balls and do not bounce or travel well through the air.

They are ideal for improving dribbling and passing techniques and learning basic foot and ball co-ordination skills.

I will continue to report the work carried out on all Fabric of Cathcart Trinity Church and thank every person who has supported the further work within the building.

Roy Kinnear



Thank you for your Prayers for SU Missions & Holidays this summer

Missions

Thank you so much for your prayers and support of SU Scotland Missions over the summer. SU worked with local churches to run 20 mission events which saw hundreds of children exploring the Bible and responding to the significance of Jesus.

New Mission events happened in Kilwinning (Ayrshire), Ormiston (East Lothian) and Ferguslie Park (Paisley).

The Ferguslie Park Mission drew together good numbers of people from a variety of Paisley churches, and partnered with Create Paisley, the local YMCA, YWAM Scotland and Render Glasgow.

Ferguslie Park is the most deprived community in Scotland and it was a huge privilege to be involved in initiating this event and to see good numbers of children and families attending.

Please pray for a new weekly event which will be running as a follow up. The Elie and Whiting Bay Beach missions excitingly experimented in their shape of delivery this year including a team going from Whiting Bay to Brodick in the first week of the event to work into that community.

Holidays

This year 1,895 children and young people have attended SU Holidays so far. At these holidays they can try a wide range of different activities, meet new friends, read the Bible and explore what it means to be a Christian and know God's perfect love.

There has been lots of really encouraging feedback – one parent wrote to say, 'my children have really enjoyed going to these camps - it is one of the highlights of their summer - and we really appreciate the time taken by leaders, volunteers and cooks to make these holidays special for them...[and] value the spiritual impact you are having on their walk with God.'

There are still events to happen during the October school holiday week, along with Voice, Music and Comedy weekends coming up soon. Give thanks for all God is doing in young people's lives.

Please pray for all the planning that is now in process for the programme of events for 2019.

Gowanbank

Give thanks for the incredibly generous gift of Gowanbank House in Darvel, which has allowed SU Scotland to open a third residential centre.

Thanks to the generosity of SU supporters, refurbishment works were completed in time to allow the first SU Holiday to take place there at the beginning of August. Find out more about this amazing new resource at gowanbank.org.uk/ or come along and see for yourself at the Gowanbank

Dedication Day on 22nd September (book at suscotland.org.uk/events/gowanbank-dedication-day/).

Gail McLay

Remembered

Remembered is a dynamic new charity. Its foundation was inspired by the enormous impact of the There But Not There installation in Penshurst Church in Kent over the Remembrance period of 2016.

COMMEMORATE : EDUCATE : HEAL

Remembered has three simple but significant aims:

To Commemorate the Fallen through highlighting the sacrifices made. The 2018 Armistice Project, There But Not There, will be the Centenary Commemoration for the end of the First World War.

To Educate all generations, particularly today's younger generation, born nearly 100 years after the outbreak of WW1, to understand what led to the slaughter of 888,246 British and Commonwealth men.

To help Heal those suffering from the hidden wounds of post-traumatic stress disorder and other lasting legacies of combat, by raising funds for our beneficiary charities. Today, the mental health taboo of Post Traumatic Shock Disorder (PTSD), or 'shell shock' as it was known in the Great War, is being broken and Remembered aims to play a significant role in helping build better futures for veterans and those suffering from mental illness.

Remembered is a Registered Charity and a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

On Honour Rolls in villages, towns and cities around the country are the names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice during the First World War. Here at Remembered, we hope the There But Not There project can take these names off the walls and back into the communities they left behind. The name blocks will play their part in the national project allowing us to remember the Fallen.

With these simple and elegant name blocks you can bring their names back into the places they would have been such as town halls or places of worship.

The charities they will support include:

- The Royal Foundation's Armed Forces Programmes – promoting the welfare of those serving their country in the Armed Forces and veterans.
- The Commonwealth War Graves Foundation – highlighting the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, funding education and activities to capture the public imagination and commemorating the sacrifices made
- Walking With The Wounded – Supporting a pathway for vulnerable veterans to re-integrate back into society and sustain their independence. The heart of this journey is employment and mental well-being.
- Combat Stress – treating Veterans suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) Depression and Anxiety
- Help for Heroes – Supporting those affected by their time in the Armed Forces and their loved ones, to help them reach their potential and live fulfilling lives
- Project Equinox: Housing Veterans and Medical Students – Plymouth University project to create sheltered housing for 40 single veterans.



Safeguarding Training Dates 2018/2019 (Volunteers)

Working with children, young people or vulnerable adults in our church?

- Volunteers are required to do training to help us all to have a shared understanding about safeguarding.
- Could you look at the list of possible dates and venues and select what suits you best?
- Volunteer training will be booked by Donald Macleod.
- When you contact Donald, please give him your email address and a contact number as this is required when booking.
- If you are no longer working with children, young people or vulnerable adults, please let me know.
- Please do not hesitate to contact me if you want to talk about the training, your role or any other safeguarding matter.

Thank you for all you do to keep our church a safe place for all.

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Date	Time	Church
Wed 26 Sept	7 – 9.30pm	Rutherglen: Stonelaw 2 Dryburgh Avenue, Rutherglen, G73 3EG
Sat 6 Oct	9.30 – 12.30	Garthamlock & Craigend 46 Porchester St, Garthamlock, G33 5DB
Thurs 25 Oct	7 – 9.30pm	Mearns Castle Waterfoot Road, Newton Mearns, G77 5RE
Thurs 29 Nov	7 – 9.30pm	Clincarthill 1220 Cathcart Road, G42 9EU
Wed 5 Dec	7 – 9.30pm	St James' Pollok 183 Meiklerig Crescent, G53 5NA
Tues 22 Jan	7 – 9.30pm	Springburn 180 Springburn Way, Springburn, G21 1TU
Thurs 7 Feb	7 – 9.30pm	Wellington University Ave / Southpark Ave, G12 8LE
Tus 12 Feb	7 – 9.30pm	Netherlee 130 Ormonde Avenue, Netherlee, G44 3SL
Wed 27 Mar	7 – 9.30pm	Wallacewell 57 Northgate Road, Balornock, G21 3QT
Tues 7 May	7 – 9.30pm	Partick South 259 Dumbarton Road, G11 6AB
Thurs 6 Jun	7 – 9.30pm	Maryhill 1990 Maryhill Road, G20 0EF

Prayer Breakfasts

Saturday 29th September
08:30 - 10:00am
UF CHURCH, STRUAN ROAD

This month we will be joining together to pray for ourselves and the needs of our world.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Breakfast is served first, followed by a time of prayer.

'Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this.'

Psalm 37 v 4 & 5.

Saturday 27th October 08:30 -
10:00am
UF CHURCH, STRUAN ROAD

Once again this month we will be joining together for a time of fellowship around the breakfast table followed by prayer.

This is a way of encouraging us as congregations to pray either silently or corporately. There is no obligation to pray.

It would be good to see you there.

'I cry out to the Lord; I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy. I pour out before him my complaint; before him I tell my trouble.'

Psalm 142 v 1 & 2.

What shape is your church?

If I asked you the shape of your church what would it look like?

Would it replicate some of the architecture of our building on Clarkston Road? Perhaps it would capture the faces of some of the folk who spring to mind when you think of your brothers and sisters in Christ at Cathcart Trinity?

Or would it be something more abstract, that captured some of our activities or even our vision and mission statements?

I ask this question because we've been asked by Presbytery to give them a sense of the shape of our church.

If any of you are inspired to answer the question in picture form – please feel free to do so! I would love to see your work. But what Presbytery have asked us to do, is answer some questions that will reveal where our priorities lie; what we do well and where God might be prompting us to spend more time or energy.

Our elders have already engaged with this activity – giving Cathcart Trinity a rating from 0 to 5 on various aspects of congregation life, but we wanted to give all of you the opportunity to do this too. To that end you will find the ‘What shape is your church’ questionnaire within this edition of the magazine.

We would love you to fill it out honestly and anonymously and to drop it off at the church building by Sunday 23rd September. If you would like additional copies of the questionnaire – please feel free to pick them up in the church or if you require any help getting the completed form back to us please ask for help.

We will share the results of this exercise in the next magazine.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

Alasdair.

Thank you.

I would like to thank my fellow Elders for the gift which was presented to me along with the honour of the title of ‘Session Clerk Emeritus’ which I received on Sunday 26 August.

It has been a great privilege and pleasure to serve this Congregation as Session Clerk for the last seven years, a duty made easier by the support that I have received both from Kirk Session and by the Congregation as a whole.

Iain Duff

Arts & Crafts Club

The Art and Craft Club will restart on Thursday September 6th at 10am in the Buchanan Hall as usual.

I hope everyone has had a good summer and collected many ideas for the coming session. It will be good to meet with our friends again after the break. Don't forget your mug!

Fiona Sutherland.

Favorite hymns

I have many favourite hymns but one I feel s very meaningful to both young and older people is, 'Lord for the years' MP:428.

When you think of all of the people you have met and all the places you have visited over all these years the words are very appropriate and the Another hymn which appeals to me is 'I know who holds the future' (first line, I do not know what lies ahead) MP: 269 the words are so right and we thank God for all the days of our lives.

Isobel Whyte.



Back in April, we were all busy planting sunflowers. We're hearing rumours of some flowering?

Messy August saw us thinking about peace and one of the activities including clasp hands and making this poster to show that we need to work together to achieve peace.



This year marks the centenary of the end of the first world war. One hundred years ago members of two congregations, Cathcart United Free Church and New Cathcart United Free Church, who subsequently would become Cathcart Trinity Church decided that they wanted to commemorate the occasion.

Thanks to Bill Martin for sharing some of the history on the next two pages.

CATHCART U.F. CHURCH.
WAR MEMORIAL
1914-1918

Cathcart, 13th December, 1918.

Dear Sir or Madam,

At a joint meeting of the session and managers held on 2nd inst., the question of erecting a suitable War Memorial in our Church was carefully considered, and the unanimous decision was that we should proceed at once in the matter. While offering our thanks to God for the courage, endurance, heroism, and sacrifice of all those who have helped to bring victory to our side in this the greatest trial in the history of our nation, our thoughts naturally turn to those who have given there all, and who will never return to us again. The idea of the office-bearers was that this Memorial should give expression to a three - fold purpose:-

First. - In loving remembrance of the young men of our congregation who have sacrificed there lives while on service.

Second. - In grateful recognition of the services of the nurses and men on our Roll of Honour who have been spared, and an expression of our thanks to God for the speedy return to our homes.

Third. - In humble acknowledgement that in the providence of God, victory has been granted to our cause; and in thankfulness that our shores and our homes have been preserved from the invasion of the enemy, and all that would have involved.

The office- bearers decided that the most fitting Memorial would be the dedication of a Stained Glass Window in the back wall of our church just over the organ, which was purposely designed to leave this window free; and also the erection in the front vestibule of a brass tablet, bearing the names of all the nurses and men on our Roll of Honour, with a distinctive mark against the names of those who died on service.

The cost of these memorials will be about £1000, which may seem a large sum, but the office-bearers are convinced that it is not beyond the power of our people, if all take part according to their ability, and they

realise it would be a worthy expression of our feelings in the three fold purpose above.

It is intended that contributions for this purpose should be paid in one or more sums as each may find most suitable, but that the entire sum should be paid at latest by 30th June, 1919; and as it is necessary to order the work soon if the Memorials are to be completed within the next nine months or so, the sums to be contributed require to be intimated in the next few weeks.

Will you kindly, therefore, with the members of your family where there are such, think this matter over, and, to enable the arrangements to be completed, indicate to the elder or manager who will be deputed to call on you within the next two or three weeks such sum as you may see your way to contribute.

Commending this to your careful consideration, we subscribe ourselves in name of the Session and Managers

Yours very sincerely,

GEORGE JOHNSTON, MODERATOR.

ANDREW L. FLEMING, SESSION CLERK.

ALEXANDER B. FULTON, PRESES.
JAMES C. IRELAND, CLERK TO MANAGERS

The stained glass window was one part of the War Memorial. The other was the brass oak- framed tablet formerly in the front vestibule of the church but now in the Memorial corridor beside the Andrew Smillie room, bearing the names of 215 men and women who served and the 27 who died in the First World War.

These who died on service in the Great War 1914-1919

HENRY M. BARNET	THOMAS CULLEN	WILLIAM GRAHAM
DANIEL CAMERON	JOHN DICK	JOHN A. GREENSHEILDS
ROBERT A. CRAWFORD	A. DOUGLAS FLEMING	FRED M. GREENSHEILDS
H. PATERSON CROW	WILLIAM GIBB	ANDREW HAMILTON
ROBERT M.K. HEUGHAN	WILLIAM F. LAMBERT	ARCHIBALD MACNEILL
NORMAN S. HONEYMAN	GEORGE H. LAWRIE	JAMES MALCOLM
ALEXANDER C. KELLY	WILLIAM C. McEWAN	ROBERT C. MAVER
GEORGE LAMBERT	JOHN R. McLAY	FREDERICK PATON

ANDREW C. RAMSAY
JOHN J. SCANDRETT
WILLIAM P. WHITEHILL



September & October at a Glance

Sunday 2nd September	11.00am	Morning Worship.
	2.45pm	Cartvale Service
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Monday 3rd September	2pm	Moments Cafe
Tuesday 4th September	6.15pm	Snowdrops
Thursday 6th September	12.45pm	Lunchtime Service
	7.30pm	Board Games @ UF Church
Sunday 9th September	11.00am	Morning Worship with Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Worship with Communion at Cathcart UF Church
Tuesday 11th September	6.15pm	Snowdrops
Wednesday 12th September	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting @ Cathcart UF Church
Thursday 13th September	12.45pm	Lunchtime Service
Saturday 15th September	4pm	Messy Church
Sunday 16th September	11.00am	Morning Worship
Monday 17th September	2pm	Moments Cafe
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Tuesday 18th September	6.15pm	Snowdrops
Thursday 20th September	12.45pm	Lunchtime Service
Sunday 23rd September	11.00am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Thursday 27th September	12.45pm	Lunchtime Service
Saturday 29th September	8.30am	Prayer Breakfast (UF Church)
Sunday 30th September	11.00am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship

Monday 1st October	2pm	Moments Cafe
Tuesday 2nd October	6.15pm	Snowdrops
	7.30pm	The Guild
Thursday 4th October	12.45pm	Lunchtime Service
	7.30pm	Board Games @ UF Church
Friday 5th October	7.30pm	Men's Evening reconnected
Sunday 7th October	11.00am	Harvest Service
	2.45pm	Cartvale Service
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Tuesday 9th October	6.15pm	Snowdrops
	7.30pm	The Guild
Wednesday 10th October	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting @ Cathcart UF Church
Thursday 11th October	12.45pm	Lunchtime Service
Sunday 14th October	11.00am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Monday 15th October	2pm	Moments Cafe
Tuesday 16th October	6.15pm	Snowdrops
	7.30pm	The Guild
Thursday 18th October	12.45pm	Lunchtime Service
Saturday 20th October	4pm	Messy Church
Sunday 21st October	11.00am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Tuesday 23rd October	6.15pm	Snowdrops
	7.30pm	The Guild
Thursday 25th October	12.45pm	Lunchtime Service
Saturday 27th September	8.30am	Prayer Breakfast (UF Church)
Sunday 28th October	11.00am	Morning Worship & Thank you Wilma
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Tuesday 30th October	6.15pm	Snowdrops
	7.30pm	The Guild



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