



# CATHCART TRINITY CHURCH

FOLLOWING JESUS CHRIST • GLORIFYING GOD • SERVING OTHERS



*God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today,  
and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you.*

Luke 12:28

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **SUMMER 2022**

# LETTER FROM OUR MINISTER

Dear Friends

As a minister of Word and Sacrament, one of my favourite challenges is putting together a preaching schedule. I love getting out my Bible and thinking how it would be best to explore the text together. Where we should split a big book or chapter up, and what themes and topics we should unpack from the text.

Since the beginning of 2022 our morning services have worked through Luke's gospel looking at a chapter at a time. I'll confess that for the New Testament Gospels, this is a bigger block of text than I would generally try to preach in one go (and that's why I've been encouraging you all to read the whole chapter each week at home before the service – I don't want you to miss anything out!).

However, I've found that by taking a chapter at a time, it's opened my eyes to some of the bigger picture that Luke wants us to understand about Jesus. Things I might have overlooked if we looked only at the individual stories have come into my vision.

What I've seen is that, while each block of text (be it a story, some teaching or a parable) has a role on its own (as it teaches us something about Jesus and our part in his Kingdom), it has also been placed strategically by Luke as part of the bigger picture he is seeking to paint of our Lord and His ministry. On one side the blocks corroborate one another in the point they're sharing. On the other, the whole picture helps us understand some of the more confusing or unclear aspects in the smaller blocks.

Generally, when we read the Bible, it's important to keep a sense of three different levels in our mind: the individual story and the point it's making; the part that story plays in a bigger point being explored in that section of the book; and the point of the book of the Bible as a whole. Understanding each of these helps us explore a passage in greater depth and see its relevance in our lives today.

Being aware of the big picture is also important for us as a Christian community. In my readings this week, and linked to my reflections on the Presbytery Mission Plan Creation process, I've been challenged about how little I know about the congregations around us. I don't know what God has been doing in and through them – but I'm seeking to change that. I want to be able to praise God for the blessings He has poured out on them and give thanks for the myriad ways that He is at work in Glasgow and beyond.

I also want to pray to God for His help with any difficulties that they are facing. Paul is always an encouragement and challenge in this: "We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

It is good to be aware of what God is doing beyond our horizons and to pray into it.

By the time you read this, the Church of Scotland will have met for General Assembly. I don't know how closely you followed the discussions and the decisions, but I would encourage you to look into some of the stories that were shared; into some of the decisions made - and to pray into these stories and decisions.

On a related theme, I recently put out the challenge that if you aren't already signed up to receive prayer news from a Christian Mission organisation you should do so. All the ones I know would be delighted to share news, stories, and prayer points with you either by email or post. It is good to get a glimpse of what God is doing in this way and to partner with the broader church as they seek to follow Jesus and share His kingdom in their contexts. If any of you would appreciate help with this, I would be delighted to help.

I've been challenged to broaden my horizons to see what God is doing and to pray. Will you join me in this?

With every blessing,  
Alasdair

## **CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

We will be celebrating Communion on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at both our Morning and Evening services. Communion will also be available at the Wednesday service held in Cathcart United Free Church at 10.30am on the 15<sup>th</sup> June.

## **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

### **Deaths**

Margaret Chalmers, Sadie Jessamine,  
James Sherratt, Norman Wright

Please remember their families in prayer

## **EVENING SERVICES**

There will be no Evening Service on the 19<sup>th</sup> June in order to allow people to attend the Praise Gathering Concert being held in the Royal Concert Hall.

On 26<sup>th</sup> June we are intending to meet together for CYMP'S AGM at 5.30pm and, after refreshments, to continue in worship at 6.30pm with a Youth Band.

Evening Services will take a break throughout July and are planned to resume on the 14<sup>th</sup> August.

## **MONTHLY PRAYER LETTER**



During the pandemic, we have been producing a monthly prayer letter and distributing it by email.

However, we are aware that this does not reach everyone who may like one. We will now print copies and have them available in the vestibule on the first Sunday of each month. If you are unable to come to worship and would like a paper copy please contact Fiona Paton or Alasdair McMillan and one will be sent out to you.



*Did you know that there is a prayer corner at the side of the church near where the band plays?*

*It's just a coffee table and a few chairs where you can pray or just sit quietly and reflect before or after the service.*

*Maybe you would like to pray about someone or something that is on your heart. Or maybe something has spoken to you during our time of worship and you want to contemplate on that a bit longer.*

*You may want to sit on your own or you might like someone to pray with you. Someone will be around the prayer corner 10.40 - 10.55 and after the service.*

*Please feel free to use that space and know God's love, comfort and peace.*

## **PRESBYTERY MISSION PLAN UPDATE**

The Presbytery of Glasgow instructed all congregations within the Presbytery to form “clusters” with other congregations in order to discuss together what the Mission Plan for the area served by the congregations in that cluster should be, and what the ministry needs are. After discussions with several local congregations, our Kirk Session agreed to cluster with the congregations of Cathcart Old, Clincarthill and Queen’s Park Govanhill, whilst also expressing to Presbytery the importance of our pre-existing “cluster” with Cathcart United Free Church through our covenant, our partnership with Cathcart Baptist Church and our involvement in Cathcart Youth Ministry Partnership.

Discussions are ongoing. Please keep the whole process and its outcomes in your prayers.

## **JOYFUL GENEROSITY**

Thank you to all who supported and contributed to the “Joyful Generosity” gatherings. There was a very positive and encouraging response at both our May meetings.

We are particularly grateful to all who have responded by increasing their financial giving and it is our prayer that many more will consider doing likewise. In addition, many people have volunteered to help in specific aspects of the work and ministry of the church. If you are one of those folk and have not yet received any communication in response to your offer, please let me know and I will follow it up.

Angus Morrison  
(angusmorrison@talktalk.net)



The 400-voice Choir, Youth Choir and Band present

## **PRAISE GATHERING 2022**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
In **Glasgow Royal Concert Hall**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June in **Usher Hall, Edinburgh**

Special guests are **CELTIC WORSHIP**

Tickets, priced £18 or £24, are available now from Ian Watson



A huge thank you to the team who planted the wonderful display of daffodils, and those who decorated the garden at Easter time.

The cross gave a beautiful focus on the meaning of Easter, and drew the attention of passers-by and brought them into the gardens.

Thanks too to those who provided the hot cross buns and coffee after the Easter Sunday service. It was a lovely opportunity to share fellowship together and share our hope with those passing by.



## Supporting Ukraine

Huge thanks to everyone who supported the Sunday Club Breakfast and gave towards a gift to welcome the Stupak family to Scotland. We were able to send them just over £1500, plus some personal gifts and some books and toys. Thanks to all those who helped in the kitchen, and to the young people who did a brilliant job serving.

Tima, Tamara, Simon, Stepan and Lev are settling in well at Lendrick Muir. The boys have all started at local schools and the family are enjoying exploring the local area on bikes donated for the whole family. Tima's sister, Anya, has also arrived in Scotland and is staying in Edinburgh, with a family who welcomed her when she did a Gap Year with SU Scotland.

Please continue to pray for the family and for other members of the Open Bible (SU in Ukraine) team who remain in Ukraine. The SU campsite at Vorzel has survived relatively unscathed and is currently housing around 40 people and feeding over 100 on a daily basis. Pray for the team as they seek to support other people practically and in conversation and prayer.





## Give thanks:

- More young people attended SU Holiday events this Easter than in 2019
- For lots of fun activities, new friends made and lots of opportunities to explore the Bible and respond to Jesus
- Some appointments have been made to key staff roles, but there are still several vacancies at our Centres. Please keep praying for the right people to come forward.  
<https://www.suscotland.org.uk/jobs>
- A full programme of weekends and SU Holidays, Missions and Holidays Clubs, and the Magnitude Festival are able to happen in person over the coming weeks.

## Pray for:

- 34 SU Holiday events and 24 Holiday Clubs or Missions take place over the summer. Give thanks for all the people who make these events possible – Team Leaders, group leaders, cooks, travel leaders, activity instructors, trainee leaders, the teams at the centres who cut the grass and clean the toilets (and many other jobs), the teams in the offices who make sure everyone's paperwork is in place and all the practical arrangements for events run smoothly.

- Pray for LM1a which runs from 2-9 July at Lendrick Muir and is led by Cara Wightman. A number of young people from the 3 local churches will be going along. Pray for Cara and her team as they prepare the activity programme and the teaching and all the practical details that go into running a week long holiday.
- Pray for good weather and for safety in activities and travel throughout the summer
- If you would like to pray through the summer you can join our Prayer Hotline to receive weekly updates for prayer and any requests that come in from events. To find out more visit <https://www.suscotland.org.uk/pray/prayer-hotline/>
- If you would like to join others to pray for the summer events, please see details in the leaflet below.





We are all very aware of the rising costs of living and none more so than those who were already struggling to feed families and keep warm.

We have reintroduced our collection for the South East Foodbank based in Govanhill, and are very grateful to all who are donating. Gifts donated will be regularly delivered to the Foodbank. There is a basket in the foyer and a list of preferred donations, but currently donations of tinned meat/ fish, cooking oil, nappies and toothpaste would be particularly appreciated. In addition egg boxes and carriers bags are always in short supply.

Please consider lifting an extra item when you are doing your shopping!

*“When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me – you did it for me”*

*Matthew 25*

# WIDER WORLD MISSION

## The Bible in every language



Translating the Bible has been very successful, but millions of people still wait at the end of the line. According to Wycliffe Bible Translators (2018), the full Bible is now available in 683 different languages and this means over 5.7 billion people have the scriptures in the language they know best. The New Testament only is available in a further 1,534 languages. Selections and stories are available in 1,133 more languages.

### On the other hand:

- 250 million people have no access to scripture in their heart language and may therefore need a translation.
- More than 1.3 billion people are without the full Bible in their first language.

The centuries-long and international project to translate the Bible is complex, successful, and especially remarkable for being achieved just by ordinary Christians from many backgrounds working together in obedience to God. Scripture translation preserves local languages and cultures, and enables the Church to be culturally relevant. In many countries, Bible translation has also been the starting point for Christians of different denominations to work together in unity.

### Telling the stories

Translation is not just about texts. Many cultures, and many people within every culture, prefer to receive truth via storytelling, discussion, songs and drama.

- *Pray for those who translate, publish, distribute and teach the Bible as they try to put the Word of Life within reach of everyone in the world.*
- *Pray for all those communicating the gospel through word-of-mouth, song, drama, dance, art or storytelling. Pray for creativity. Pray they would stay true to scripture. Pray that the word of God, however communicated, will bring life.*

## The Great Commission

Christ's last command to his followers appears at the end of each gospel and the beginning of Acts. It is often called 'The Great Commission.' Putting all five accounts together gives us the goal of the Church:

- Going to the nations
- Under the authority of Jesus
- Being filled with the Holy Spirit
- Being a witness to Jesus everywhere
- Preaching the gospel to everyone
- Discipling the nations (including baptism and teaching obedience to Jesus)
- Doing all this in a spirit of suffering and servanthood
- Until the completion or fulfilment of the current era.

The Great Commission is a task of staggering scope, but also a story of amazing achievement. Unsupported by governments, but in the power of Christ, and with the vision faithfully passed down through 50 generations, Christians have started churches in thousands of cultural groups, translated the Bible several thousand times (and usually been the first to write a language down), healed the sick, helped the weak, and fought for justice and truth.

Better still, hundreds of millions of ordinary Christians have sought to live out Christ-like lives and work for the common good, living out a witness to Christ across the world.

The Church has also earned much criticism and been responsible for great evil as it progressed into the nations. We Christians need to reflect on that and repent. That said, it is remarkable to think how much worse the world would be today if Jesus Christ and His followers had never been a part of history.

- *The Great Commission is an unfinished challenge. Pray that every church will make it central to their mission.*
- *Let us pray that in the coming year, we will be faithful to Christ, and responsive to the Spirit's leading, by finding ways to be more involved in the Great Commission*

***Please get involved in world mission!***

***If you cannot go, get involved in prayer or give to a missionary society or for a specific missionary***

## **CATHCART OMF PRAYER MEETING**

Next meeting at 33 Tankerland Road is on Friday 10 June 1pm-2.30pm. We expect to have with us, Clare Brodie who teaches missionary children in Thailand. Please come.



## **OMF HALF DAY CONFERENCE**

Will be held in Sandyford Memorial Church on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 10am – 2pm. Speakers will be workers in Thailand – Laos – Taiwan. Bring your own lunch. All very welcome

## **UPDATE ON CATHERINE**

Catherine is back in Glasgow at present and will be here until August to help care for her Mum, Rosemary, whose cancer has returned and is now throughout her system. Please pray for Rosemary, Catherine and her sister Miriam. Pray for the chemotherapy and other treatments to be effective and without serious side effects. Pray also for healthy family relationships at this heightened time of tension and for God to use this time to speak to each of them.

Please pray too for the team, still adjusting after the moral failure of their previous team leader, and for God's guidance as they work through a comprehensive evaluation of the team's health, vision and ministry. We give thanks to God for His faithfulness and teaching throughout.

## **UPDATE ON IMRAN**

Imran has been kept busy with preaching in various churches. He organised a Bible camp for about 40 young men. He asks for prayer for a man called Farhan who is showing a lot of interest in the gospel.

Breaking news is that Imran has been asked to lead the special focus his team will be having in the next three years on 4 people groups. He will be working with 7 teams to get this project underway. In March and April about 6000 people from these groups were reached with the gospel. Continue to pray for Imran – for blessing on his work and for his safety.

# TEAMBUILDERS

Cathcart Youth Ministry Partnership is absolutely delighted to open bookings on Tuesday 24th May for our summer holiday club: TEAMBUILDERS! This is for young people going into P1-S1.

Running from Monday 25th July until Friday 29th July at Cathcart Trinity from 10am until 12noon.

The **Bothy Cafe** will run at the same time at Cathcart United Free.

Booking for holiday club is essential as spaces are limited. Please use the following link to access the registration form

<https://form.jotform.com/221334792000343>

## BOTHY CAFÉ



The **Bothy Cafe** will be open each Friday in July from 10-12 in the garden of Cathcart United Free Church (or inside if it's wet). The cafe will also run from 10-12 each morning of the Holiday Club Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>TH</sup> July.

## ALL ARE WELCOME!

A quiet space for prayer will be available during Holiday Club week.

**Starlight Café**

FOR ALL AGES  
 In the grounds of Cathcart Baptist Church  
 96 Merrylee Road, G43 2RA  
 7pm until 9pm (weather permitting)

[www.cathcartbaptist.online](http://www.cathcartbaptist.online)

20 <sup>TH</sup> MAY 	24 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE  <i>midsummer</i>	29 <sup>TH</sup> JULY 
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Mobile van on site  
*Pay your own way*

 Really Awesome  
**Coffee**

All are very welcome to come along to the outdoor Starlight Cafe and enjoy a coffee & cake catch up with a friend...or bring the family for a hot chocolate (and can make your own 'smares over the fire)....or come on your own and you will find plenty people to chat to!

The "Really Awesome Coffee Company", will be there providing a great selection of hot/cold drinks and cakes...just find yourself a seat under the gazebos and twinkly lights, in the garden of Cathcart Baptist Church...and relax and enjoy! Dates over summer - 24th June and 29th July - 7 to 9pm.

**TOYS & SHOES EXCHANGE** NO COST!

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
10am until 12noon  
Garden of Cathcart Baptist Church

Clean and in Good Condition:

- TOYS ONLY — NO BOOKS OR ELECTRICALS
- SHOES SUITABLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL

You don't have to donate to take!

DROP OFF TIMES:  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
From 5pm until 9pm  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June  
From 10am until 5pm



Looking to provide an opportunity to find new home for unwanted / no longer needed good quality children's toys and shoes in the community? Details of drop-off times are above.

No need to have donated, to still come along and take any toys or shoes that could be useful to you, or others you know...no cost for anything.

# ARTS AND CRAFTS



We are still enjoying our in-person meetings on Thursdays and although we have lost Jess Thomson, who died suddenly, we have welcomed 3 new members since New Year.

We were very glad to see many people at our Coffee Morning and Sale of Work at which you helped to raise £630 which has been given to the work of the church. The Scottish Places Picture Quiz proved very popular too. Many thanks to all the club members who helped on the day.

We are now looking forward to our Summer Lunch at Williamwood Golf Club and then to summer which will hopefully have some good weather to let us out and about.

Fiona Sutherland  
suther@supanet.com



## SUMMARY ACCOUNTS FOR THE 3 MONTHS TO 31 MARCH 2022

	Actual	Budget for period
	£ (000)	£ (000)
<b>Total income</b>	<b>45.7</b>	<b>44.0</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b><u>47.5</u></b>	<b><u>49.3</u></b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b><u>1.8</u></b>	<b><u>(5.3)</u></b>

Total income is £1,700 above budget. This is principally due to an increase in gift-aid donations and contributions from groups as hall usage picks up.

Expenditure is under budget by £1,800.

The result is a deficit of £1,800 against a budgeted deficit of £5,300.

### JOYFUL GENEROSITY

As many of you know, the Church has carried out a Stewardship Campaign to ask members of the congregation to give more of their time, talents and income to the Church. We appreciate that we are living in difficult economic times and not everyone is in a position to increase their giving. But we would ask those who could to seriously consider the level of their contributions to our church.



## **HALLS & FABRIC**

We are pleased to announce that the Glasgow Table Tennis Club have rejoined Cathcart Trinity Church on both Tuesday & Thursday evenings. They are also in trending to start an afternoon club for children. More details to follow.

Over the last 3 months there have been a number of repairs carried out throughout the Church complex ranging from fitting new external light to illuminate the Large Hall acres and join this with the lighting already in place across the front of the Sanctuary.

We have also replaced and updated the Fire Alarm Contact points under our Service agreement to allow continued Safety with the Church and Halls.

A number of faulty lights with the toilets and Large Hall have also been replaced.

We have also received a 3<sup>rd</sup> quote for replacing the boilers and this will allow us to approach Presbytery for permission to carry out the work planned for both the Manse and heating along with the small repairs to the roof immediately above the Youth Room and Crèche.

Roy Kinnear  
Fabric Convenor



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