



# CATHCART TRINITY CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2022

# LETTER FROM OUR MINISTER

Dear Friends

This November marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the union between the congregations of Cathcart South and New Cathcart to create the new worshipping community - Cathcart Trinity Church.

When I've previously shared this fact, it probably won't surprise you that I've received the whole range of responses from "Can it really be 20 years, already? It's amazing how fast time flies." to "Only 20 years?" The latter response, when unpacked, spoke of the deep friendships within the congregation; the reputation of Cathcart Trinity in the wider Christian community; the close partnership of the uniting congregations before 2002 and all the work that all of you have put in since.

*'How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in harmony!'* Psalm 133:1

In the lead up to the congregation's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we want to create opportunities to remember the last 20 years, to give thanks for all that God has done in and through the members of the congregation's work, witness, and generosity and to look to the future together as we think about what God has in store for us next. These events will take place in the Autumn and will be publicised as soon as possible so you can get them in your diary.

*"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."*  
Psalm 126 😊

At the same time, you will be aware that the Presbytery of Glasgow has been tasked by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland to make a significant reduction in ministries across the Presbytery (down from 123 ministries to 84). In the pages of this magazine, you will find a letter from Rev. Roy Henderson, Convenor of the Presbytery Plan Creation Group, with an update on the current state of play. I would encourage you to read his letter and urge you to pray

for the decisions that will be faced in the coming months by the Church of Scotland in Glasgow.

Other than knowing the 21 principles the group needs to follow (too many to list here, but if you'd like to see them, please let me know) I currently have no more information than what is shared in the letter. Given the timescales involved in producing the new Presbytery Mission Plan I expect that more information will have to follow soon. When there is anything at all to share, or the opportunity to contribute to any meeting we will let you know. Please feel free to get in touch with me about any questions you have.

In closing, and tying together our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the current activity of Presbytery, I'm drawn again to Jeremiah's words from God in chapter 29 to His people in exile and to the words of the Patron Saint of Glasgow, St. Mungo:

*"Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper...For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* Jeremiah 29:5-7 and 11.

*"Let Glasgow flourish through the preaching of Your word and the praising of Your name."* St. Mungo

So, let's pray, preach and praise and seek God's blessing for whatever He has planned for Glasgow. *"Let your will be done. Let your kingdom come."*

With my love and prayers,

Alasdair

## **CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March at both services (11am and 6.30pm). It would be great to see you there. An online service will be available.

## **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

### **Deaths**

Elma Ross, William Ross,  
Margaret Murray

### **Dedication**

Ruby Vallance

## **LETTER FROM ALICE MORELAND**

**Many thanks for prayer for my husband Norman (and me). He has made an excellent recovery after his fall and “bad reaction to Covid”. We very much appreciate the support.**



## **LENT STUDIES: 9-16 MARCH**

We are delighted to be partnering once more with Cathcart United Free Church and Cathcart Baptist Church to offer a Lent Study called "Growing Good". Produced by the Church Urban Fund this "six-session course helps churches explore the connection between social action, discipleship and growth...and explores how our churches can be faithful and fruitful in our local communities."

We will be running these on Wednesday evenings at 8pm on Zoom from Wednesday the 9th of March through to the Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March which is Holy Week (in person). All course materials are free.

The Zoom meeting is being organised by Derrick Watson at the Baptist Church, so if you would like login details for this meeting, please speak to any of the ministers who will be delighted to provide them.

### **THANKSGIVING & MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY 8 MAY AT 3PM**

We are aware that over the last 2 years many people in our congregation and community have not been able to mourn for family and friends in the way that they may have wanted. Considering this, one thing that we would like to offer is the opportunity to gather for an open service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm in the Sanctuary for a service of thanksgiving and memorial.

More details will follow, but please take note of this date and share it with anyone you feel might be interested in coming along.

# LETTER FROM PRESBYTERY

Dear Friends

*“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven”*

What is our purpose to be in these times? That is the question which the Presbytery Plan Creation Group is dealing with now. I think this is a time to face facts, to pull up and to plant, to build on what has been done and to continue that work urgently.

- Time to face facts: The 2021 General Assembly instructed all presbyteries to review and update their mission plans by the end of 2022.
- Time to pull up and plant: The Presbytery of Glasgow has been allocated a total of 84 “Ministry” posts. We currently have 123 charges, and many church buildings.
- Time to complete work already done: The Presbytery Mission Plan Review Group and last year’s local focus groups have given us 21 principles to abide by

Now, we all have work to do: The PPCG must bring a draft Mission Plan before Presbytery for approval by September and the Faith Nurture Forum and General Trustees by December.

It is important that we consult with local churches and take their comments and concerns into consideration. We are a diverse Presbytery: we are coming from different starting places and our congregations each have their own characters and histories. There will be change. Change both excites and threatens us and I can relate to both reactions.

We face hard choices. No parish or post is immune. As in bereavement, we feel shocked, numbness, anxiety or denial, we react with denial, defensively, even angrily. After all we are experiencing loss shared, personal and cultural.

However, I do wonder where will defensiveness lead? Denial might deliver a short-term payoff; a committee given a bloody nose; a hard choice left for another day; the illusion of business as usual. We could split into parties “for and against” or argue over the inheritance. All very understandable and very human, but is there another way?

What if we own these feelings? What if we say “Yes, I do feel threatened? We are angry and resentful” and go on to say, “Alright, we will not pretend that this is what we would choose normally, but we must deal with it. This is the time” This cannot be wished away. Much has already been done and now we must see it through.

Your PPCG will work conscientiously to bring a draft plan before Presbytery. Then Presbytery will decide.

Over the coming weeks and months, we will make every effort to maintain regular contact with you. It is important that you know how we are progressing, and it is equally important to us that we know about your comments and concerns. What can you offer in this shared effort?

Yours in Christ

Henderson  
Convener Presbytery Plan Creation Group



Someone once described prayer as the oxygen of the church. They suggested that just as we will die without oxygen, without prayer a church will die. We already see signs of this in the decline of the church in our nation both in numbers of members and in the lack of relevance of our faith to many in our society. Instead of being discouraged

and resigned to this, we can choose to actively pray for a change in the tide of decline. We can pray for God to intervene, to refresh and revive His church and to draw people back to His ways.

We all know that prayer is important and yet we can find it difficult to pray sometimes and we are often uncomfortable to pray with others. If that is you, you are not alone! Even the disciples had to ask Jesus to teach them how to pray. As individuals and as a church, we need to learn to pray as God wants us to.

Whether you prefer to pray on your own or with others, there are lots of things going on to enable prayer. Please think about what you might find helpful for your prayer life.

## **Praying at home:**

- The monthly prayer letters are currently sent out by email, but paper copies can be made available if requested.
- There is an email prayer chain which you can sign up to if you are willing to commit to praying as requests are sent out. If you would like people to pray about a specific situation, you can contact [prayer@cathcarttrinity.org.uk](mailto:prayer@cathcarttrinity.org.uk)
- Many Christian organisations eg, Tearfund and Scripture Union have prayer resources which you can access to inform your prayers.

## **Praying with others:**

- Prayer breakfasts on Saturday mornings (currently on zoom)
- OMF monthly prayer meetings
- Open Doors support evenings
- Rest and Restore (Monday mornings at Cathcart Baptist).



In the coming months, we will be thinking about how we can create other opportunities to pray together. If you have any thoughts, please share them!

If you are interested in knowing more about any of the above, please speak to Alasdair, your Elder or Fiona Paton or use the CTC helpline (07712 345301), leaving a text or voice message.

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## THERE IS A SMALL GROUP FOR YOU ...!

- Have you ever wanted to chat with someone about a sermon, or any faith question, but find that before or after church services is not a good time?
- Have you ever felt that it would be good to meet other Christians in a more informal setting than Sunday services?
- Have you ever felt as you read the Bible at home that it would be helpful if there was someone you could share your questions and discoveries with?



The good news is that Cathcart Trinity and Cathcart UF working together have a network of "Small Groups" – previously known as Sofa Groups – which meet at various frequencies and various places (homes and church buildings) to share fellowship and (not too heavy) Bible study and discussion.

It's very likely that there's a group to suit you. Many have testified to the benefits of meeting up with more time to get to know other people and to discuss issues of Bible and faith in a relaxed environment. No special bible knowledge is expected and taking part in any "out loud" prayer is definitely optional!

If you are interested in knowing more about our small groups – without obligation! - please speak to Alasdair, your Elder or Dougie Paton or use the CTC helpline (07712 345301), leaving a text or voice message.

# *rest and restore*

**CATHCART BAPTIST CHURCH  
MONDAY MORNINGS 9AM - 10AM**



Cathcart Baptist Church is open on a Monday morning from 9am - 10am for "Rest & Restore". Drop in and enjoy a quiet space to rest, to pray, to enjoy the peace and a cup of tea is available too. A good opportunity at the start of the week to bring the week ahead in prayer...or just to have a few moments of silence on your own. It is a lovely, peaceful space for folks from the different churches.

Between 9-10am on a Monday morning you will be warmly welcomed by Karen Gurling.

It is a time of silent prayer for others, our own concerns or just a great way to start our week in God's hands. You may say that you can do this at home and so you can, but I find there are interruptions be it the phone, or someone at the door and just things to distract. I certainly find it so helpful to have this hour of total silence which gives me rest and restores me. I know it has improved my prayer life.

There are only a few people there which is a pity. You might want to try it.

I can sum up by quoting what has helped me "Be still and know that I am God."

Sheila Gowans

## OVERNIGHT WELCOME CENTRE

During the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022, several of our members volunteered to help serve food at the Overnight Welcome Shelter which is operated by Glasgow City Mission.

Compared to the full-time volunteers and City Mission staff our contribution was small however it was much appreciated, and I think we were all enriched through the experience.

Thank you to all who volunteered to help this year.

Iain Duff

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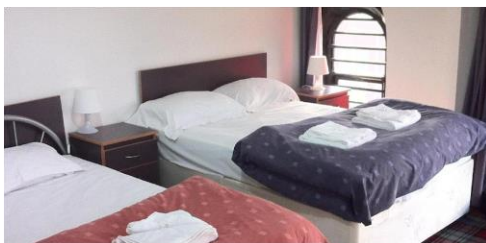
## THE TARTAN LODGE – ALEXANDRA PARADE



Once again Glasgow City Mission (GCM) has opened the Overnight Welcome Centre (OWC) from December to the end of March. This is a development of the Winter Night Shelter which was located at the Lodging House Mission. You may know that members of our congregation volunteered at the OWC this year, last year and prior to this at the Winter Night Shelter.

For those in our congregation who've volunteered at the Winter Night Shelter or the OWC in previous years, the OWC this year is very similar to the OWC last year in that it is a 24-hour service – staffed by people from Glasgow City Mission. Whereas last year it was in the IBIS hotel – which was closed to the general public due to Covid. This year the OWC is in The Tartan Lodge on Alexandra Parade.

The rooms are bright, clean, warm and comfortable



The Overnight Welcome Centre provides safe, emergency accommodation to anyone at risk of rough sleeping in Glasgow during the winter months. A hot evening meal is provided, which is made by the Social Bite Organisation and then transported to the OWC.

There is a strong focus on working with partner agencies to enable guests to quickly move on to settled accommodation. Having a 24-hour service and Glasgow City Mission staff present in the hotel at all times makes it easier to build up relationships of trust and work with guests to find them accommodation. The capacity is 28 guests at any one time.

Although it is a hostel rather than mattresses on the floor – it is very much emergency, temporary accommodation. It is the last resort for finding someone a safe place to stay. As a result, people rarely stay more than a few nights before they're found accommodation by the homeless agencies in Glasgow.

There are teams of workers from The Simon Community and Glasgow City Mission out on the streets looking for people with nowhere to stay. In short, nobody should have to sleep rough in the city at this time.

The guests are a mixture of asylum seekers from the troubled parts of the world and people from Scotland and around the UK who have become homeless for one reason or another. The Glasgow City Mission staff are very experienced at connecting people with the correct agencies that can help those that end up at the OWC. They and the volunteers also have good opportunities to demonstrate the love of God to the guests.

I volunteer on a Tuesday night from 17.30 to 20.30 and help with the meals. It gives a good opportunity to talk to the guests in a relaxed atmosphere over food, hear their stories and “shoot the breeze” with them.

For those who have helped at the Night Shelter in previous years there are the same mix of people in the OWC. I have spoken to people who have been trafficked, asylum seekers, people escaping violence and drug chaos and people who have found themselves suddenly homeless needing somewhere warm to stay until they find (or can be found) something more permanent.

There are not the same numbers having to use the OWC as in the days of the Winter Night Shelter. This is mainly because Glasgow City Council and The Scottish Government decided that nobody should be sleeping rough in these Covid times. Therefore, many rough sleepers have already been found somewhere to stay.

As I said the turnover of guests is very high as this is the “way in” to finding a more permanent place to stay.

I said when I wrote about the OWC last year that it is great that an organisation with clear Christian values is at the forefront of helping people in this way. I find it interesting that in a secular society, said society still must rely on Christians and Christian organisations to care for those most in need. Where are the secular organisations providing this first line support? Something for your atheist friends and family members to ponder?

Derek McIntyre

Please remember the work of Scripture Union Scotland in your prayers.

## **GIVE THANKS:**

- God has been incredibly faithful, and His people have been incredibly generous. SU finances are in a strong position – however every penny will be needed as we seek to rebuild our team and restart activities as we continue to navigate the impact of covid.
- In person events with young people are possible again, with lots of young people excited to be together at our centres over the coming weeks. A full programme of camps is open for booking this Easter, Summer and October, with many holiday clubs and Day Events also planned. Visit [suholidays.org.uk](https://suholidays.org.uk) for more details
- Young people continue to meet Jesus at SU events. This story was shared in our latest Holiday Sponsorship Appeal:

“Hi, my name is Jack and in October I went on a SU Holiday at Scoughall. This past year has been tough. I missed the chance to go on my P7 residential trip and have had two lots of self-isolation after the lockdowns. After all that I caught COVID too! Going to camp gave me the chance to have fun outside with other people my own age, and to feel free. The best thing about camp for me was being with other Christians who were the same age as me. It made me feel less alone.

I was asked to explain why young people should go to SU Holidays. There are lots of brilliant activities at camp, like archery and boating, but it also gives you the chance to make new friends and gives those like me an opportunity to get to know Jesus more and have lots of fun.”

## PRAY FOR:

- Staff Recruitment is proving very difficult. We have several vacancies, particularly at our Centres. Please pray that the right people will come across the adverts. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining the team, please share these opportunities – visit [suscotland/jobs](https://www.suscotland.org/jobs) for more information.
- Recruiting volunteers to serve on teams is also proving difficult – some people have decided this is the right time for them to step back and others are taking holidays they haven't managed over the last two years. Pray for team leaders as they work to build their teams for events.
- We would love to see every space in our holiday programme filled. Pray that young people will hear about SU Holidays and book. There are lots of financial challenges for families, but there is sponsorship available to help. Give thanks for a generous donor in our own congregation who has made it possible for us to support young people to go to camp. Speak to Gail, Cara or Dougie if you know of someone we could support to get to an event.
- The Easter programme of camps begins on Saturday 2 April until Saturday 15 April. There are 14 different camps at Gowanbank, Alltnacriche, Lendrick Muir, Scoughall and Glenshee, plus a Ski camp at Glencoe (pray for snow!). Pray for all the preparations happening just now to make these events a fun experience for every child and an opportunity to explore the Bible and respond to the significance of Jesus.
- Pray for SU in Ukraine (Open Bible) particularly currently. SU Scotland has strong links with Open Bible and our Gap Year would normally be visiting just now. Pray for an easing of tensions in the area and for God's people to be able to bring light and hope into the darkness and fear of the current situation. Pray that the ministry of Open Bible to children and young people will be able to continue safely.

Gail McLay



Over the period of the Covid pandemic we suspended our collection of gifts to the Southeast Glasgow Foodbank. We now feel in a position to re-establish this and are looking for volunteers willing to deliver the collection to Govanhill. We hope this would be on a rota basis. If you are interested, please speak to Alasdair.

## **Heartfelt Thanks from The Lodging House Mission**



I am writing to acknowledge and thank the congregation of Cathcart Trinity Church for their thoughtful donation of £540 collected during Christmas Services, in support of our Winter Appeal. As you are aware your donations will greatly assist us in our work with people experiencing homelessness, vulnerability and social exclusion at the Lodging House Mission here in Glasgow.

We are delighted to share news that our partnership with Street Soccer Scotland has led to the creation of a football activities program beginning in February. There is opportunity for teams to play on the pop-up pitch in our church or join minibus team as they travel to the local 5-a-side pitches for coaching, addictions support and team building. Our activities programme is a vital part of our engagement with guests many of whom have complex support needs and chaotic lifestyles, by building relationships we increase the opportunities for intervention and harm reduction

Please accept our heartfelt thanks. May God bless you as you have blessed "the least of these my brothers and sisters of Christ"  
Claire Herbert, Chaplain



# WIDER WORLD MISSION

## EUROPE



Europe - stretching from Ireland to parts of Russia, from Greenland to Greece - is seeing the long twilight of traditional Christianity. Most of the peoples of Europe were baptized by 1000AD and have had a Christian background ever since. Europe's nominal Christians are like soccer supporters who follow their team but never go to a match. They treat Christianity as a public utility, something you only call on in times of need. But now, even this nominal Christian identity is fading fast. In the Czech Republic, for example, over 70% of people now say they are 'non-religious.'

## Evangelicals in Europe

1. Evangelicals – who emphasize faith in Christ and commitment to the Bible and conversion– are stronger in European countries with a Protestant heritage, such as Norway, Switzerland, Germany and the Netherlands. But of the world's 15 countries with five million evangelicals or more, only one is European (the UK).
2. The south-east European state of Romania also has many evangelicals. It has a large Roma population, many of whom are Pentecostals and an evangelical movement within the Romanian Orthodox Church.
3. Evangelicals make up an active minority of around 1% in Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, Portugal, Slovakia and Spain. Here, evangelicals are often members of the poorest communities, or might be Roma, former drug users, or migrants.
4. Elsewhere, evangelicals in Europe are a tiny minority, tens of thousands or less in each country.

*Pray for deep, wide renewal among the peoples of Europe, and the revival of Christian identity based on encounters with the living Christ*

## Those who have not heard the gospel

The Church has a debt to bear witness of Christ to the whole world. How far has it succeeded?

1. Humans today are divided into around 17,000 people groups. They are separated by language, national borders and, especially in the Indian subcontinent, by ingrained ideas of caste. Many people groups are very small: 7,000 peoples have fewer than 10,000 members each, the size of a large village.
2. People groups may be like what the Bible calls 'nations'. Jesus' command to 'make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 20:19) implies 'make disciples of all people groups.'
3. Churches grow within people groups. The gospel usually spreads through social networks, and so it tends to stay confined within a people group.
4. It takes a missionary effort for the gospel to move from one people group to another.
5. An 'unreached' group is a people group with very little witness to Christ. A best guess is that around 28% of the world have not been exposed to the good news about Jesus, mostly because they belong to groups with little Christian witness. This is 2.1 billion people.
6. Note that too much precision can be misleading, and people are more complicated than their labels. But the Church's duty is clear: to bear witness to Christ today, to every people, tribe and nation.

*Pray that God will send people to take the gospel message to every people group on earth.*

*Pray that every part of the beautiful mosaic that comprises human diversity will take its part in the united worship of Christ!*

*Praying for the World is a free weekly prayer guide to inspire and inform the whole Church to pray for the whole world.*

## **UPDATE ON IMRAN**

- Pray that life would be normal after Covid. We are going through the 5th wave now and the virus has been spreading quite fast in big cities. Protection against Covid as a family.
- Strength and wisdom for us as we raise our kids, two of whom are already teenagers. Pray that they would grow in the Lord.
- Strength and health for my aged parents as they are getting slower.
- For the Follow-Up work we may be able to keep in touch with all our seekers and believing contacts from the majority community.
- Pray for wisdom good management and planning for me as I lead the Follow-Up ministry. Pray that I would focus on what is important.
- Open hearts for the gospel as we reach out to hundreds every month with the gospel.

## **UPDATE ON CATHERINE**

Catherine asks us to pray for the team she works with which has been under spiritual attack recently that they will be able to fix their eyes on Jesus. Also please pray for one of her classes where there has been tension amongst some of the students.

## **NEXT OMF PRAYER MEETING**

A prayer meeting will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1pm - 2.30pm at 33 Tankerland Road. We expect Sheila Kendall former missionary in Laos to be with us. Please come.

## **WIDER WORLD TEAM PLANS**

The team are in the process of organising a monthly or bi-monthly prayer meeting with a special focus on the persecuted church – watch the weekly bulletin sheet for details. Also, the team plans to have a special focus service at the end of April – focussing on the City Mission, Street Pastors and Renew and Wellbeing work.

# RADIATOR

## HOT OFF THE PRESS

### SPRING/SUMMER 2022 EVENTS CALENDAR

#### ILLUMINATE

Youth discipleship for P7-S4



Tuesday term time  
6:30pm until 8pm  
Cathcart Baptist Church

#### KAIO

Youth discipleship for S5+



Tuesday term time  
7:30pm until 9pm  
Cathcart Baptist Church

#### RENEW WELLBEING YOUTH

Renew/Wellbeing is a café style space - a quiet space is available too

Rhythm of prayer at 5:15pm  
For young people in P7-S6

RenewCathcart

renew/wellbeing youth space  
renew create connect chat refresh

Thursday term time  
3:30pm until 5:30pm  
Cathcart Baptist Church

#### STARLIGHT CAFE

For all ages

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February

7pm until 9pm

Mobile Really Awesome

Coffee van on site (pay your own way)



Future dates planned

Check out Cathcart Baptist

facebook page for more information



## **MONKEY BUSINESS**

Fun event for young people in primary school

3pm until 5pm

In the grounds and buildings of Cathcart

Baptist Church

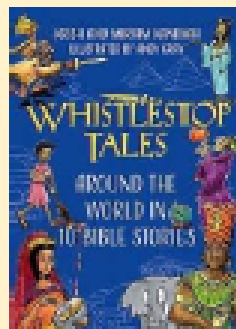
Saturday 19th February

Saturday 19th March

Saturday 20th May

Saturday 25th June

Booking essential



## **EQUIP**

Youth event for S1-6

Friday 4 March | 7.00-9pm

How can I help make the world a level playing field? - A look at issues of diversity and how to engage

Friday 25 March | 7.00-9pm

Do my grades define me? - How my faith affects my feelings in stressful times

Friday 29 April | 7.00-9pm

How should I feel about Pride? - Exploring a biblical response to LGBTQ+

Friday 27 May | 7.00-9pm

Is the Old Testament cryptic and boring? - Seeing the Bible as one big story



For more information: <https://www.suscotland.org.uk/what-we-do/equip/equip-events/equip-west/>

To book: <https://form.jotform.com/212563699753368>

## SCRIPTURE UNION HOLIDAYS

Bookings for Scripture Union Scotland holidays are now open!  
We know the team leaders for the following events:

### Glasgow Primary Weekend

29 APR - 01 MAY, GOWANBANK, PT -P7, £85

<https://www.suholidays.org.uk/holidays/events/2022-04-29-glasgow-primary-weekend/>

**LM1A** 02 - 09 JUL, LENDRICK MUIR, P6 - S6, £357.00

<https://www.suholidays.org.uk/holidays/events/2022-07-02-lm1a-lendrick-muir/>

**GS4** 23 - 30 JUL, GLENSHEE, P5 - S6, £357.00

<https://www.suholidays.org.uk/holidays/events/2022-07-23-gs4-glenshee/>

## BACKPACKERS

### Easter Holiday Club

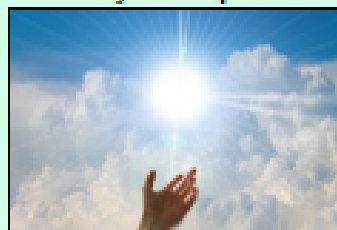


Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>  
and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Holiday Club at Cathcart  
Baptist  
Café at Cathcart United Free

## SILENT SATURDAY

### Prayer Space

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022



More information coming soon

## CYMP Summer

**Programme** Starting week  
beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June!



More information coming soon

## TEAMBUILDERS

### Summer Holiday Club Week

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July until Friday  
29<sup>th</sup> July 2022



Holiday Club at Cathcart  
Trinity  
Café at Cathcart United Free

For more information about any of the events please contact Cara Wightman or follow us on social media



Cathcart Youth Ministry Partnership (CYMP) is a registered Scottish Charity No 039290

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| Cathcart Baptist Church<br>96 Merrylee Road<br>G43 2RA | Cathcart Trinity Church<br>90 Clarkston Road<br>G44 3DA | Cathcart United Free Church<br>7 Struan Road<br>G44 3AT |
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[www.radiatecathcart.org.uk](http://www.radiatecathcart.org.uk)



Those of us who have been part of the Praise Gathering Choir or who have enjoyed the PG Youth Choir have appreciated the talent, commitment and enthusiasm of Jenny Cheung.

The Voice Project is a growing organisation, based in the south side of Glasgow, which is passionate about getting people singing. Jenny is the Choir Director. The Voice Project partners with SU Scotland in offering four high-quality singing residential holidays each year.

We are fortunate to be hosting:

**The Voice Project Gala CONCERT**  
**Cathcart Trinity Church**  
**Saturday 19 March at 7.30pm**

Entry by donation.

A date for your diary!!



## SUMMARY ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

(The figures below are subject to review by our independent reviewers, Alexander Sloan, and the annual accounts may show different figures)

|                          | Actual              | Budget               |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
|                          | £ (000)             | £ (000)              |
| <b>Total income</b>      | <b>220.1</b>        | <b>163.1</b>         |
| <b>Total expenditure</b> | <b><u>177.3</u></b> | <b><u>186.9</u></b>  |
| <b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b> | <b><u>42.8</u></b>  | <b><u>(23.8)</u></b> |

Total income is £57,000 above budget. This is principally due to generous donations to the Giving Day appeal which was not included in the budget (£35,200+ gift-aid £8.200), an increase in gift-aid donations (£5,000 - due to a number of one-off donations). As the Church halls have come back into use, we have received premises income of £6.1K, against a zero budget.

Expenditure is under budget by £9,600. Expenditure on heat and light is down by £2.5K against budget as a result of the reduced use of the Church premises during the pandemic and repairs and maintenance are down by £2.3K against budget.

The result is a surplus of £42,800 against a budgeted deficit of £23,800.



# JOYFUL GENEROSITY

In March 2020 our planned stewardship gatherings had to be postponed at a week's notice, because of the coronavirus pandemic. Little did we think then that there would be a two-year delay before we could reconvene!

We are pleased to say that the gatherings will now take place on Tuesday 10th May at 7pm and Wednesday 11th May at 2pm, with a brand-new programme which reflects our current position.

There is much to give thanks for, but much has changed and there are challenges ahead. Please come along to either or both meetings where we will consider how best we can all be involved in helping Cathcart Trinity Church as it moves forward into a third decade.

Angus Morrison

## BIBLE READERS WANTED

Apologies if you are itching to take a turn of doing the Sunday morning Bible reading and haven't been asked! Please contact me (or Alasdair) directly if you are willing to participate - (it's only a once in a year commitment). Many thanks



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## CARING FOR THE CHURCH GARDENS

March marks the onset of Spring when we welcome new growth in the lawns and colour in the flower beds. Not so welcome are the weeds, but with regular attention they are easily kept in order! We have three small teams assigned to look after these tasks.

- ✿ **Mowing** (mowing and edging the two lawns at the front and the embankment at the rear)
- ✿ **Weeding** (weeding flower beds, gravel areas and paved areas)
- ✿ **Pruning** (pruning shrubs, roses and other large plants).

If you are interested in volunteering to assist with one of these tasks, please email me at [angusmorrison@talktalk.net](mailto:angusmorrison@talktalk.net)

## STAMPS

For some time, the congregation has been collecting used stamps for Crossreach, the Church of Scotland's Care Arm and I would like to thank all of you who participated. Unfortunately I am no longer able to do this and would ask if perhaps someone else would be willing to take over? Please get in touch if you could help in the task of collecting in the stamps and passing these on to Crossreach.



Margaret Brough

# ART & CRAFT CLUB



We have been delighted to be continuing with our in-person meetings while keeping safe and well.

Most years we can manage to give something to a few worthy causes to help with their work and this year Riding for the Disabled in Linn Park, RNLI Arbroath, Brain Trust, Marie Curie and Erskine each received £100.

We are looking forward to our **Coffee Morning and Show and Sale of work** which is to be held again in the Sanctuary after a gap of a year. Do come along and join us on:

**Saturday 26 March 2022  
10am – 12 noon  
in the Sanctuary**

It is always very convivial, and we look forward to welcoming you and your family and friends.

Fiona Sutherland ([suther@supanet.com](mailto:suther@supanet.com))



## **FABRIC REPORT UPDATE**

With 2022 well under way, the Fabric Committee are trying to get the necessary quotes for the planned work throughout 2022/23.

Our first area of work is the doing of the last 2 areas of the roof that need repairing, the valley gutters above the Creche and Youth Room and to address the water ingress above and to left of the old Chimes Room window. Estimated cost will be in the region of approx. £14,000.

Our second area of work will be the rewiring of the Church Manse to bring the electrics up to standard and the refurbishment of the upstairs bathroom which has caused a leak into the front lounge. The total estimated cost approx. £20,000 which will partly be covered by the money held in the Consolidated Fabric Fund following the sale of the old Church Manse.

The third area that needs our attention is the level of heating that the current boilers are generating. As you may have felt on Sundays, the church has not been as warm as we would have liked and this is mainly because 2 of our current boilers are either not working at all or else, they only work for very limited periods. We have been in discussion with a couple of commercial businesses, who specialize in installing commercial boilers and this has brought

up several different issues from how we get a boiler into the existing boiler house, when the opening is smaller than an individual kitchen cupboard, to planning permission for a new external flu to remove the fumes from the boilers. Each of the new questions raised need to be addressed before we will be able to progress the work. The cost of replacing our current boilers is expected to be in the region of £25 - £30,000.

Other areas that are under consideration are the installation of new water heaters into the kitchen, to pruning and cutting back all the trees around the church.

We are hoping that we will be able to present the findings and quotes to the Trustees and the Congregation as the year progresses.

I must thank every member of Cathcart Trinity Church for their support over the last year and hope that we will soon be back to full activity with regards to organisations using the facilities that are available within Cathcart Trinity Church.

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