

Kilsyth Anderson

Parish Church



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From The Manse.....

It's hard to believe but I was only 24 years old when I ordained and inducted into my first charge – that was 25 years ago. How time flies! Glasgow presbytery marked this anniversary with a special presentation certificate given by the moderator and you (the very kind and generous congregation of Kilsyth Anderson) also presented me with a gift and card. Thank you all for the unexpected yet characteristic kindness.

It has only been 17 months since I arrived here in Kilsyth and yet I feel the Gospel work we are engaging in together is, with the grace of God, moving forward. I am thankful once again for all the elders and leaders who gave up a Saturday recently to attend our annual conference this year held in Torrance. Out of our time together the Kirk Session workgroups now have a sharpened focus for a whole range of development activity. I am looking forward to seeing the work of these groups come to fruition and for us all to support projects which we pray will: give our God glory; strengthen the spiritual life of individual believers; engage creatively with the community to share the Gospel message; build up the church; engage and inspire children and young people and lots more.



At the time of writing this piece for the magazine I am on annual leave having already spent a lovely week in Nairn – enjoying the beauty of that particular part of the coastline with a variety of interesting places of visit.

One place Lynne and I visited on our travels was Pluscarden Abbey, a place of Christian worship going back to the 13th century. It was an impressive place which has undergone turbulent times having been brought to ruin before a rebuilding project began in 1948.



Our other church visit was on Sunday to Inshes church in Inverness – this time a church building in the midst of a retail park which was opened only in 2007. The congregation here was numerous, clearly a church with a passion for God's word and with a deep desire for Christian mission – both home and abroad. It was good to be reminded that people of Christian faith can and do achieve great things when engaged in building His church for His glory.

As I think about coming back from holiday my mind is turning to this year's holiday club, entitled 'Fit for a King' and based around a very special Commonwealth games theme (I wonder why?!). The week is oversubscribed with children excited about coming along; there are a good number of enthusiast volunteers and leaders, everything is about set and ready to GO....please pray for the young people who come along, and for their families and friends. Pray for the leaders and helpers and most of all pray that God will use what is said and done to reveal Himself in a new way so that young and old will want to find out more about this amazing and powerful King of kings.



Allan Vint.

O LOVE THAT WILT NOT LET ME GO



GEORGE MATHESON (1842 –1906)

Born in Glasgow, he was the eldest of eight. He was educated at Glasgow Academy and the University of Glasgow, where he graduated first in classics, logic and philosophy. In his twentieth year he became totally blind but he held to his resolve to enter the ministry, and gave himself to theological and historical study. In 1879 the University of Edinburgh conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. In 1890 he became a

fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. He started as an assistant pastor in 1866. His first ministry began in 1868 at Innellan, on the Argyll coast. He stayed 18 years. In 1886 he moved to Edinburgh, where he became minister of St. Bernard's Parish Church for 13 years. He was invited to preach in front of Queen Victoria at Balmoral. In 1879, he declined an invitation to the pastorate of Crown Court, London.

In 1881 he was chosen as Baird lecturer, and in 1882 he was the St Giles lecturer. In 1890 he was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, the University of Aberdeen gave him its honorary Doctorate of Law, and in 1899 he was appointed Gifford lecturer by that university, but declined on grounds of health. In the same year he severed his active connection with St. Bernard's.

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" was written on the evening of Matheson's sister's marriage. Years before, he had been engaged, until his fiancée learned that he was going blind that there was nothing the doctors could do and she told him that she could not go through life with a blind man. He went blind while studying for the ministry and his sister had been the one to care for him through the years, but now she was gone. He was now 40, and his sister's marriage brought a fresh reminder of his own heartbreak. It was in the midst of this circumstance and intense sadness that the Lord gave Matheson this hymn, which he said was written in five minutes.

He died suddenly on the 28th of August 1906 in Edinburgh and is buried in the Glasgow Necropolis. He never married.

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go," has passed into the popular hymnology of the Christian Church.



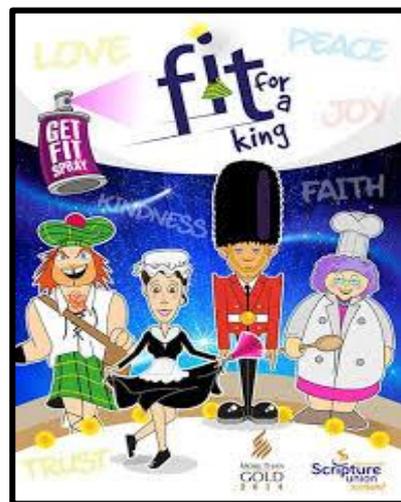
HOLIDAY CLUB 2014

4-8TH AUGUST

Just as we recover from the excitement of the Commonwealth Games, the Holiday Club,

FIT FOR A KING hits the road at the Anderson Church.

This year we have a record number of 80 children pre-registered so we are at absolute capacity for numbers and the team will be kept very busy. We are delighted that we have a full team of enthusiastic volunteers for the children's work, for lunches for the team, and for all the other supporting roles that are needed. Please continue to pray for a happy and safe week as we work with these youngsters.



Every morning from 10-12.30 there is a planned programme of activities, crafts and

games. From 1.45 until 3.15 each afternoon there will be games

and for 3 evenings Monday to Wednesday a Teen café will run in

the Hall. On Thursday evening we will hold a Family night and it

would be wonderful if the home baking which was so kindly

donated last year, could be repeated. It was hugely appreciated

and any left overs we sell for the children's work overseas, this year

in Sierra Leone. The final Sunday we will hold a family service.



It is a very busy week for children and leaders alike and it is an enormous privilege to share the good news of Jesus in this way.

Kilsyth Community Food Bank

We are still accepting non perishable donations especially meat that

could be use for dinners and have a box out in the

vestibule or goods can be handed in at the drop-in on a

Friday. At this time of year they are looking to help

families with kitting out their children for the new school

year. If you have any old or outgrown school uniforms that are still in good condition please donate them to the foodbank.

You can find out more about their organisation on their facebook page where you can share their news.



MALAWI 2014: BOYS BRIGADE

I need to start by saying a huge thank you to everyone, not just in the Church family, but to all the generous people of Kilsyth and surrounding villages who supported us in our fundraising to allow us to go to Malawi and help the people of one of the poorest



villages in that country. When I made the booking we were short of quite a lot of money. However, I took a leap of faith and was not disappointed. God was obviously working with us on this project and the money came rolling in! We had so many donations that it would be wrong of me to start naming people or groups - I would inadvertently miss someone and that would never do! To show what we achieved and give you a flavour of the kind of people we were working with we intend giving a presentation in the Church on Friday

22nd August at 7pm. Everyone is welcome, not just people from our Church. We will share stories, show photographs and short video clips, answer any questions you might have and tell you of our next project! In the hall there will be some of the souvenirs we brought back and a cup of tea and eats will be served. There will also be an opportunity, should you wish, to make a donation towards our next project. The suggestion was made that we should compile a calendar for 2015 which will be sold in aid of our next challenge. Details of the cost and an opportunity to order will be available on the night of 22nd August.

We are also looking for children's clothing - if you have children or grandchildren who have outgrown clothes, please pass them our way. The school has a long list of orphans - from P1 upwards who would benefit from some 'new' clothes. Believe me, what your children have finished with is far superior to what these children are wearing. Our main focus is on children's clothing, but we will take adult clothing as well - the teachers, the village chiefs etc. are glad of clothing too.

Our visit to Malawi was indeed a life changing experience, one which I hope I can offer to other Boys. To be able to do this we need God's help - your prayers for our efforts to raise the money would be appreciated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Sunday morning service)

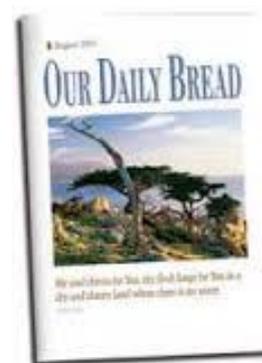


Since April 20th members of the congregation have lead our intercessory prayers. If you would like to be involved in leading prayers, please give your name to **Ena Graham**

“OUR DAILY BREAD”

(Bible reading notes)

If you would like to receive Bible reading notes please see **Ena Graham**. The note covers a three month period. A short Bible reading is followed by a reflection on the passage and a thought for the day



Summer Fayre



Kilsyth Anderson Parish Church had a very successful Summer Fayre on Saturday 14th June when a total of over **£3000.00** was realised for the Church Fabric Fund.

At one point we didn't think that we would have a Fayre as many of the work party had retired, but with a plea to our congregations, willing helpers came to the rescue

Those who organised the Fayre wish to thank all those who gave donations and assisted in any way. They also wish to thank those who attended and provided marvellous support.

DR BILL SEWELL 1923-2014

Dr. Sewell's son, Kenneth asked me to include a piece about his Dad in our magazine:



TAKEN ON HIS 91ST BIRTHDAY IN
JANUARY

Bill sadly passed away on 26th May very suddenly but peacefully at home. A GP in the town for 37 years, originally from Edinburgh, but fell in love with the town, & remained here for the duration of his working life. He made many friends, as was shown by the turnout for his funeral in the church. A well respected gentleman, known to many as simply, 'The Doctor', he was always ready for a chin wag, & probably more so in his retirement. After Nan passed away, he found the garden & house too big, & downsized to a flat in Kirkintilloch, 100yds from his youngest son Kenneth & his family. He didn't have far to go for his evening meal, & was always welcomed by Kenneth, Gillian & his grandsons, although he tended to

hog the TV remote!. He was a very frequent visitor to Kilsyth, and was often accosted in the Main St. He used to say it took him twice as long to shop there, as he met so many old friends & patients.

On behalf of the family, can I thank the church family at the Anderson, who gave great support to us on Dad's passing, To Allan, who was so supportive, understanding, & diplomatic, & as one mourner said, 'What a great funeral.' A special thanks to all who helped on the day of the funeral, which made it easier on us. I would also like to thank Molly Muirhead, for the flowers in the church, which she donated. The retiral offering raised the sum of £670, which was divided between Yorkhill Children's Foundation & Cancer Concern

Flower list

3rd August:
10th August:
17th August:
24th August:
31st August:
7th September:
14th September:
21st September:
28th September:



Mrs Barbara Smith
Mrs Sandra Morris
Mrs Jane Barclay
Mrs Margaret Whyte
Mrs Winnie Leishman
Miss Olivia Brittian
Mrs Betty Beaver
Mrs Cathie McIllwain
Mrs Helen Shaw

BIBLE MEMORY VERSES



As you know we put memory verses up on the screen each Sunday in church. These are the same verses that appear in each issue of the magazine. We hope you find them helpful and that you are managing to store them away. This helps to give us much more confidence when thinking or speaking about the Bible and so help us grow as Christians.

AUGUST: Acts Chapter 2: verse 42

How it was in the early Church! (and should be today)

“They devoted themselves to the Apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and to prayer”

SEPTEMBER: Acts Chapter 11: verse 18

The important decision taken when the church, on hearing of a vision Peter had received, agree to admit Gentiles and to take the Gospel beyond the Jewish Community

“When they heard Peter’s testimony, they had no further objections and praised God, saying “So then, God has granted even to the Gentiles repentance unto life.””

OCTOBER: Acts 11: verse 29

When the Church in Jerusalem faced hardship, the fellowship within the Church was so strong that believers elsewhere felt moved to offer them help.

“The disciples, each according to his ability, decided to provide help for the brothers living in Judea.”



Good Luck to one of our Bible Class, Abigail Shaw who is through to the World’s Street Dance Finals in the SECC Glasgow in August with her dance crew. Last year her crew, Illusion was placed in the top 10 of her age group.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Allan and Lynne’s daughter Jenna who recently graduated with First Class Honours in Forensic and Analytical Chemistry from Strathclyde University



The Perfect Pattern

In the last issue we began to look at the Lord's Prayer which Jesus taught his disciples as a pattern for their regular use. So it is with us today, of course as we regularly in our worship

After properly addressing God as our Heavenly Father we are then taught to pray for the hallowing of God's name. That is the right place for this petition. Having a right attitude toward God must be the start of any conversation with Him.

To hallow God's name means to treat it as holy and special, which sadly we rarely do today. The Jews of Jesus's day regarded the name of God as so special that they would hardly dare say it. They found other forms by which to refer to God so holy was the name 'Yahweh' we pray. So when we pray we are to be aware of who God is. He is holy and his name must be glorified. That means that we recognise the huge gap between us. He is the Lord with all that this implies: powerful, majestic, all knowing, all judging but also all loving and all gracious. There is a huge balance here and a tension as he now comes toward us in his grace and mercy and now goes far from us in his majesty and mystery. How important then to have right thought about this hallowed one.

We must also have right usage of the name. This is we must not fall into the trap of blasphemy that is so common. People use the name of God with thoughtless casualness. That is far from treating his name as hallowed.

Not least his name must be hallowed in our daily lives, in our actions, in our behaviour and in our attitudes, we have to live as Christians as those who honour God in every aspect of our lives. Finally we have to hallow God's name in our worship. What we offer must perfectly reflect who we are addressing and how we seek to glorify him. Even a human monarch has to be properly addressed, how much more does God require and deserve this respect of us.

Now you will recognise that many of these remarks also would apply to the opening requirements of the Ten Commandments. This is not accidental for God is one and constant, so let His name be hallowed both now and eternally



Church Diary



Sunday: Morning worship	11.00am
Evening worship	6.30pm
(fellowship after service)	
Time for prayer (Wyper Hall)	6.00pm
Tuesday: <u>Girls Brigade:</u>	
Explorers(P1-P3)	6.00pm
Juniors & Brigaders(P4 +)	7.00pm
Wednesday: Praise Group	7.30pm
<u>Boys Brigade:</u>	
Anchor Boys (P1 -P3)	5.45pm
Junior Section (p4 -P6)	6.30pm
Company Section (P7 +Secondary)	7.30pm

Contact for urgent Pastoral Care
 Minister: Rev. Allan Vint
 Session Clerk: Mrs Elizabeth Strang

Friday: 'Drop in Café' Wyper Hall 10.00 - noon



Dates for your diary

4 th Aug	Fit for A King (Mon - Fri)	Church Hall	10.00am
7 th Aug	Family Evening	Church Hall	7.00pm
10 th Aug	Service of Celebration		11.00am
15 th Aug	'Drop In' re-opens		10.00am
19 th Aug	Board of managers		7.30pm
20 th Aug	Boys Brigade		
24 th Aug	Sparklers/ Bible Class/ Sunday School		11.00am
24 th Aug	Bible Society Sunday		
30 th Aug	Bible Society Coffee Morning		10.00am
Anderson Church			
2 nd Sept	Kirk Session	Wyper Hall	7.30pm
4 th Sept	Praise Group	Church	
			7.30pm
12 th Sept	Concert (hosted by the Methodist church)		7.30pm
19 th Sept	Quiz night in Coachman (with supper)		
21 st Sept	Communion Services		11.00am & 6.30pm



Our Family

Deaths

21st June: Mr Bobby Law Archways, Kilsyth
 23rd June: Mrs Jane Baird Stirling Road, Kilsyth



With thanks...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our church for the many cards and beautiful flowers I received in my recent bereavement.

Thank you everyone, they have been a great comfort to me that so many people admired Jimmy I appreciate your kindness

Annie McGinnes



Thank you for the flowers, best wishes and cards I received on my birthday. Your kindness is much appreciated

Annabel Smith

Please let me take this opportunity to thank everyone at the Anderson for their many cards and good wishes on my recent special birthday, it really made my day special

Catrina C. Clark

I would like to thank everyone in Kilsyth Anderson Church family for the many cards, visits and prayers during my recent stay in hospital. I do not want to mention anyone in particular as there is too many, however I want to extend my sincere thanks to Rev Vint for his game of hide and seek whilst trying to find me in the wards. His prayers were very uplifting and were very much enjoyed. Lastly thank you for the flowers I received from the church. Thank you all once again!

Margaret Whyte

Thank you to everyone for their cards, flowers and gifts on return home from hospital following knee replacement surgery. It is uplifting and encouraging that so many people hold me in their prayers
God bless

Betty Goodwin.



Thank you to everyone for their kind thoughts, cards, flowers and prayers while we were recovering from illness. Your kindness is much appreciated

Davie & Hilda Dodds.



BIRTHDAYS

Happy **98th** Birthday to Bill Mowat, King Street on the 26th June

Happy **81st** Birthday to Mrs Betty Clelland, Weavers Court on the 30th July

Happy **81st** Birthday to Mrs Margaret Cullen, Low Craighends on the 8th August

Happy **50th** Birthday to Rev. Allan Vint, Anderson Manse on the 8th August

Happy **86th** Birthday to Mr Ronnie Swan, Coneypark Place on the 13th August

Happy **81st** Birthday to Mrs Audrey Reed, Craighends Court on the 8th September

Happy **70th** Birthday to Mrs Liz Moore South Dumbreck on the 17th September

Happy **95th** Birthday to Mrs Margaret McDonald, Montrose Gardens on the 19th September



ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to John & Annabel Smith, Westfield Road, Kilsyth who will celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 28th August

Boys' Brigade - Report for 2013-2014



Numbers have remained steady this year with a total membership of around 70 Boys.

All Boys achieved the badges which they were due to receive at our two parents' nights held in May. A large number of Company Section Boys received promotions to NCO rank - junior leadership within the company.

During the year there have been a number of highlights -

At the start of the session we had a fun afternoon when a number of cars went off on a treasure hunt followed by a BBQ in the Manse grounds. Because of the inclement weather, the outdoor activities which had been planned were scrapped in favour of table top games in the hall. Many adults enjoyed reliving their childhood playing Snakes and Ladders, Connect Four, Hungry Hippos etc.

October saw the 130th Anniversary of the founding of the BB. We celebrated with an overnight games session (sponsored, of course) when the Boys played 130 games. The Company section Boys were joined in the morning by the Anchor Boys and Junior Section at which point the cake was cut and the younger Boys continued to play the games. Company Section went off to bed! Over £800 was raised towards refurbishing the school in Malawi.

In November we had 10 senior Boys attending a number of courses at Carronvale - part of their leadership qualification for their Queen's Badge.

During December we delivered Christmas cards - £3000 again and we bag packed in the Co-op to add to the fund for Malawi. Over £700 was raised.

We welcomed James Murray into the company for one session. He had studied here, met his wife here, and was biding time until Beth was able to finish her degree. James was a great asset, working with the Company Section Boys and bringing to them his journey in his Christian Faith. James is hoping to go into ministry back in his native Northern Ireland and we wish him and Beth God's blessing for their future life together and pray that James's desire to enter the ministry will come to fruition.

During January, our officer in charge of the Company Section, Scott Anderson, went off to work in London for a year. We hope that he has settled in to life in the big smoke and is enjoying his time in London. God was good to us - although we 'lost' Scott for a year, a volunteer came forward and has proved a great asset to the Company. Thank you to Colin Scott for all that you have done with the older Boys.

The beginning of 2014 was the time when some of the older Boys were completing higher awards. Adam Boyd, Jordan Henderson, Jack Rennie and John Wilson all achieved their President's Award. Darren Smith completed a course which gained him his Queen's badge, and David Kerr gained his Duke of Edinburgh's Gold award. He was presented with it at Holyrood Palace during July. Congratulations to all of them.

During the school Easter holidays Adam, Jack and Jordan attended an Easter sports camp at Carronvale. Some of the younger Company section Boys went into Glasgow to a pool and Pizza night.

May saw 20 members of the Junior Section heading off to the east coast, to Innerwick (near Dunbar) for a weekend's camp. A day at the seabird centre in North Berwick, a day at East Links Family park, attendance at Church in Dunbar and a swim in the pool were the main events. All Boys behaved so well and got on so well together that it was a fabulous weekend. Well done everyone.



Starting Date for new Session: At present we have not had a staff meeting to decide on a starting date, but it is likely to be Wednesday 20th August. Anchor Boys for P 1 - 3 from 5.45 - 7pm, Junior Section for P 4 - 6 from 6.30 - 8pm and Company Section for P7 and S1 - 6 from 7.30 - 9.30 pm. All Boys are welcome - former members and new members.

Praise Group



Each Sunday, morning service begins with the Praise Group singing their selected 'Introit'. The members of the praise group meet one evening a month to practice their introits for the following three or four weeks. Although we do try to prepare the introits quite thoroughly, we are a happy, light-hearted group and enjoy what we do.

This year at Christmas time, we took the morning service for a change instead of having an evening Carol Service.

We are happy to welcome any new members who may feel they would like to join us. If so, please speak to me, Jan Bateman or any member of the Praise Group.

Kirk Session Benevolent Fund

The sum of £474.00 was donated by the congregation to the retiring offerings after the four Communion Services in 2013, an increase of £14.00.

The over 70's Dinner was held on the 22nd February 2014 and was financed by the fund

After an enjoyable meal, they were entertained by Kilsyth Burns and Old Parish Church Choir.

Mrs Cathie McIlwain and her team of willing helpers are to be congratulated on another successful event.



Sparklers Sunday School Report.



This year, we have had about ten Sparklers attending regularly. We have continued to use the Go Teach material, adapting the programme to suit the ages and interests of the children.

At the start of term we wrote a new Sparklers' Prayer, which the children add to & repeat each week. They can include things which make them happy, people who are ill and anything they are worried about.

Our stories and activities from the New Testament were about the miracles Jesus performed. We also learned about some of the people he befriended, including Zaccaeus. Kings Jehoshaphat and Hezekiah were discussed in our Old Testament lessons. We learned about Jonah and the story of creation.

At Christmas the children enjoyed a bouncy castle and ball games party. The narration for this year's nativity was recorded and everyone enjoyed seeing themselves on the big screen ! We had a fun day out to Monster Mania soft play in Falkirk at the end of June.

Our prize giving service involved the children and teachers of the Sparklers, Sunday School and Bible class – demonstrating that although small in number, we bring lots of enthusiasm & fun to learning more about our Lord.

Next year we hope to look at new teaching materials, different types of children's music & ways to encourage more children to come along.

GUILD REPORT 2013 – 14

The Guild year commenced on the 7th October 2013 when our friends from Burns & Old Parish Church Guild joined us for our opening meeting on. Rev Allan Vint introduced the theme for the year 'A fellowship to build'. We were also blessed by two lovely solos from Lynne, his wife. We had positive feedback from members of Burns & Old Guild. This year the Guild also felt very much part of the organisation dedication service in October again led by our minister.

Fifty plus members have attended each week with a good representation of men folk especially on open nights. In fact, the Rev Alex Fleming received a Guild tie for his attendance.

I must pay tribute to Ena our secretary who had organised an interesting and varied programme under difficult circumstances. Thank you to, to members who have put forward suggestions. There has been good use of local speakers and talents which were enjoyed by all.

Our Guild remains committed to supporting the Guild projects. This year we had speakers from the Julius Project – a Scottish project supporting homeless people and Comfort Rwanda who are raising money to build houses for women affected by the genocide. We gave donations to both of these projects; our mission partner, Helen Scott and Street Pastors. We are able to do this by loose change in Sunshine bags and tithing the offering each week.



The Guild of Friendship this session was hosted the Church of God on the 15th November and we were the hostesses for the World Day of Prayer on Friday 7th March. Unfortunately, both of these meetings were poorly attended by members of our own Guild.

However, the committee is grateful for all the help given by the membership in making the tea, chiring meetings, donating home baking, playing the piano etc. and for Ann Lauder for all her technological help during the session. The convenor is also grateful for the support of all the committee.

The next session commences on Monday 6th October 2014 in Burns & Old Parish Church at 7.30pm.

Olivia Brittan

Convenor

Kidz zone



Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Zacchaeus Anagram

Word List:

cheated, climbed, house, Jericho, money, salvation, short, sinner, sycamore, tax collector



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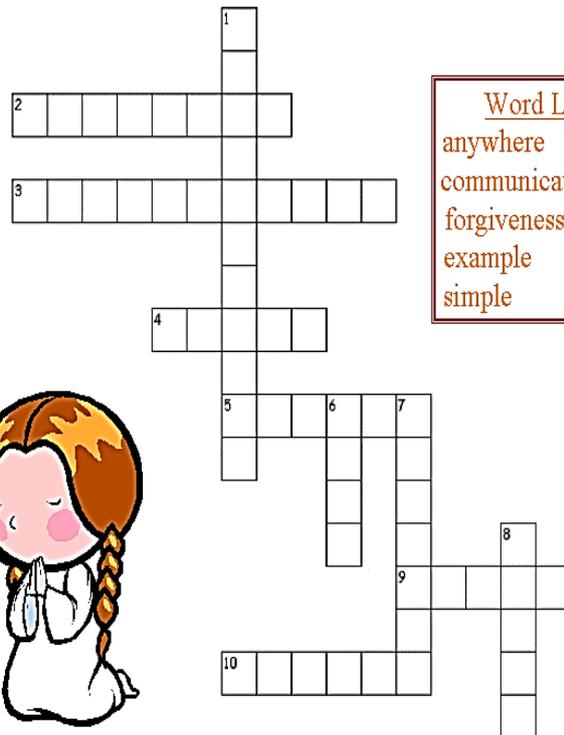
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Lord's Prayer Crossword



Word List:

anywhere power
communicate pray
forgiveness hears
example praise
simple hands

SUDOKU

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6					1
1					3
	3			5	
5					2

Across

- We can pray anytime and ____.
- Prayer is the special way we ____ with God.
- We fold these out of respect and to avoid distraction when we pray.
- Instead of using fancy words when we pray it's best to keep it this.
- Praying has a lot of this because God can do anything.
- Include this in your prayer to God because he deserves to hear it.

Down

- An important part of prayer is to ask for this.
- God wants us to do this all the time. When things are good and bad.
- The Lord's Prayer is an ____ so we can know how to pray.
- God always ____ us when we pray.

Places to find us

FACEBOOK/ TWITTER

www.facebook.com/kilsythanderson

Twitter@ Kilsyth Anderson

WEBSITE

www.kilsythandersonchurch.org

If you wish to listen to the morning service again, it can be found on the church website

CD MINISTRY

A copy of the morning service can be provided.
Please speak to your Pastoral Care visitor
who can arrange for a copy

Items of news, special occasions, etc. for the next
Newsletter should be given to
Helen Shaw by Sunday 21st September 2014

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