

Kilsyth  
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## From the Manse.....

What a change in a day! At the beginning of this week the family and I were sweltering in 96 degree heat as we holidayed in Florida and now on our return it is a rather chilly 55°! We come back having very much enjoyed a fun packed fortnight away in the sunshine state and that area around Orlando which is completely 'disneyfied'. Mickey mouse and his friends (or representations of them) were everywhere.

Disney is an astonishing organisation; it's a place where children and adults together are invited to have fun, to be moved emotionally and to find enjoyment and happiness. Obviously this is a tall order but through story, image, music and adventure Disney does a pretty good job at delivering on its aspiration.

One thing which sticks out from the Disney experience is their attention to detail. It doesn't matter whether



you are standing in a queue waiting to go on one of the rides or waiting about on the pavement for a parade to pass or being involved in some other activity the surroundings and the staff are so well organised to help you enjoy it. There is clearly a focus on the cast members (staff) making sure you (their guest) is having a good and worthwhile experience – which is one reason I suspect people go back.

While in Florida Lynne and I also managed to visit a local church. The Community of Faith United Methodist Church was actually a highlight of our holiday. Our visit coincided with a special youth ministry week and the Sunday service was led by the teenagers themselves. In every part the service was inspirational and very moving as the young people (there were around 45 of them) told their personal stories of how they had come to faith in Jesus and the difference it had made to their life.

As the young people helped serve communion towards the close of our time together there was a very real sense that this was indeed a real community of Christian faith.

Disney has discovered something of how to bring fun and that is great, but greater still was to witness the amazing JOY experienced and expressed by the young people of that lovely and loving Methodist church.

It is obviously important that here in our place we do our part to make sure that every guest that comes to church is enabled to have an experience which they find worthwhile and hopeful transformative so that they will decide to come back again and again. In particular we pray for our young people that they will discover the life enhancing difference that Jesus offers them.

On a personal note I want to record my thanks to all who have worked so hard over the holiday period: Martin and Alex and the various team members on the Sundays I have been away. To Colin and his team of helpers for the Stuart Townend concert I want to congratulate on a job well done. Initial reports have been very positive and I look forward to hearing more and also ideas of what might follow next.

As preparations are now made for the summer holiday club and for the various other special and regular events that lie ahead I pray that we, as a local community of Christian believers, will continue to work and to witness being bearers of a joyful message for all ages.

May God bless us in the task.

Allan



## An Amazing Night Of Music, Song And Worship With Stuart Townend.

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July our Church was filled to capacity when Stuart Townend and his band performed as part of a short 6 date Scottish tour. The event came about initially by chance when I responded to a message on Stuart's Facebook page, mentioning that he was thinking about a tour and would be interested in hearing from potential venues.

After what was a very short pause for thought, I drafted a 4 page proposal which talked about our Church, it's history, the amazing congregation, the town of Kilsyth and its large and diverse range of faith groups and after a few days, and to my great surprise I received an email back letting me know Stuart was very interested and he would be in touch when he had made a final decision.

On reading the email a couple of times just to make sure I had read it correctly I was filled with a mix of emotions OH YES! And OH NO!



OH YES, he is coming to our church and OH NO, I haven't asked anyone at the Church if it's ok. I quickly ran the idea past Allan and a few friends to find out if they thought it was a good idea, and everyone said 'go for it'. Next step was a presentation to the Kirk Session to propose the idea; the costs involved and seek permission and support for the concert to go ahead. This was a very nerve wracking presentation, but I shouldn't have worried, as everyone was very supportive. It was approved and we were off, the planning, promoting and preparation could begin.

The first job was designing and printing the posters, flyers, promo banners and tickets and looking into how people could buy tickets online. It was then onto the list of requirements from the band which included accommodation, meals and travel costs. Promotion was the next big thing to look at. The event had to be a success; we needed 300 people to

buy tickets in order to cover our costs so we needed to get the message out there quickly. At this point I got a real sense of how important this was and how amazing the folks in our church are, everyone started talking about it, telling friends and buying tickets.

I contacted every church I could find in the local area, telling them about the event, sending them posters and flyers and offering to visit and do a small promo speech at the start of their service, a few actually agreed to have me mumble out my message, nerve wracking but great fun and the welcome was very warm.

I was really fortunate that Douglas Anderson's father Bill had offered to promote the concert on Revival FM, so before I knew it, I was being interviewed for "it's my music" a Sunday night show, where you pick your 3 favourite songs and chat about what they mean to you. Bill was fantastic at putting me at ease and his questions made it so easy for me to weave the story of the concert into the songs. It will be no surprise that all of the songs were by Stuart Townend. The 2 interviews went out about 4 weeks apart and I actually missed them, so not sure how they sounded.

Promotion was going well, ticket sales were slow and steady and Civic week was coming up so I decided to enquire about a stall on the day of the parade, it's fair to say it was a last minute request, it being Wednesday

night, but they had space so all I needed was a gazebo and a table and everything would be good. Civic week tied in nicely with the church fayre and the combination of both really helped promote the event, although I was disappointed I never made it back to the church in time to pick up a few pancakes, I do love the church pancakes!

Two weeks to go and it was time to finalise the lighting for the concert and at that point the project received another blessing in the shape of Walter Jarvie and his grandson who offered to supply and install the lighting free of charge, they were very ably assisted by Anne Lauder.

One week to go and it was now getting very exciting, the plan was done, the team of volunteers were in place and we had a great pre-concert meeting on the Monday night, with some great additional ideas for the night. Tuck shop goodies were bought, the evening meal was ordered from our local Chinese and the tickets were selling fast. Following the meeting on Monday I thought I better check the number of tickets sold, not thinking for a moment we were close to capacity. You can imagine my surprise when the count was 302. The concert was sold out.



The day of the event was fantastic, filled with expectation and anticipation. Just being there, around the church



with all the volunteers taking care of the million and one things that needed done, it all came together very smoothly. There are not words to express my gratitude to everyone who gave their time, expertise and passion. The band arrived and within a very short time they were ready to sound check. I was a real pleasure to listen to a group of such talented musicians essentially jam. We were ready, all we needed was the audience and before long, the church was full, the atmosphere was charged and for the first time, well following my opening speech to introduce the band I felt relaxed.

It was a magnificent night of the most amazing music, song and worship by a group of truly gifted musicians and songwriters. Folks from so many different churches all came together to experience it. Old friends met up and new friendships were formed. Something we as church should be doing more often.

Thank you so much to everyone for their prayers, support and guidance; this truly would not have been the success it was without you.

**Rev Rhona McDonald from Tron St Mary's said it so well "God takes you to where you least expect. Dream big; allow the spirit into your life and the church**

**FLOWER LIST**

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Mrs Barbara Smith</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Mrs Sandra Morris</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Mrs Betty Goodwin</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Mrs Marion Whyte</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Mrs Winnie Leishman</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Mrs Anne Leishman</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Miss Olivia Brittan</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Mrs Cathie McIlwain</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Mrs Helen Shaw</b>

## A Date With A Princess



On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, a special visitor arrived at Strathcarron Hospice, their patron; HRH the Princess Royal. The Princess who travelled to Strathcarron by helicopter was very surprised as she arrived at the Hospice to find the grounds covered in our Yarn Bombing Display and she took great delight in inspecting all the various knitted/crocheted projects within the grounds – especially the shed. During her visit the Princess spent time chatting to patients and staff in Day Care and the Ward, she also made time to have a word with our guests as they lined the gardens to wave goodbye at the end of her visit. A special invite was sent out to the community and four invites arrived on our Session Clerk's doorstep.



Elizabeth Strang, Marion Cowie, Linda Bassy and Helen Shaw took up the invitation. On the morning of the visit we left Kilsyth at 8.30am and travelled to Denny High

School to catch the coach taking us to the hospice. Arriving at the hospice we passed through security into the grounds. The grounds were covered in wool. The weather was kind to us and while Princess Anne was touring the hospice, we were entertained by a local pipe band, we wandered around looking at the yarn bombing and were served with tea, scones



and shortbread. When she was leaving we lined the driveway, Princess Anne took her time and spoke to many, although none of us managed to speak to her, she spoke to a little girl standing next to Helen, asking her if she was going on holiday and could she knit, Princess Anne left holding a knitted cupcake in her hand. A lovely day was had by all.



The Work Party's fayre has again been a great success this year. The total amount raised was £2,900 which will go into the Church's Fabric Account. A grateful thanks to all who contributed to the work involved in all the unseen tasks which were undertaken so that the outcome was as successful as it was. Thanks, also, to all the people who have faithfully supported the efforts of the Work Party over so many years.

Nan Kinvig

# 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.

## **DROP IN 2014/2015**

Thanks to the generosity of our lady hostesses who freely give their time & baking and to you, our guests who come faithfully every week. The church benefitted by the marvellous sum of **£3300.00**.

**£800.00** was given for heating & lighting

**£2500.00** was given for the Fabric Fund which will go to help the refurbishment of the kitchens.

Thank you to the mid-week fellowship who set up the Wyper hall on a Thursday night. All this helps in the smooth running of the Drop In and helps to create a friendly, cheery atmosphere. The Drop In is open from 10.00am to 12.00 noon and you can "Pause for Prayer" if you so wish at 11.00am when you can go through to the Reading Room, returning at 11.15am and join us once more for tea, coffee & fellowship, so please drop in where you will receive a warm welcome.



**THE DROP IN RE-OPENS ON FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

## **New Kitchen Update...**

We now have plans drawn up by Tom Anderson and are awaiting samples to choose from. We reckon that it will be around the October week that we can start the work.



## **Praise Group**

Every Sunday morning after the Bible has been carried into the Church and the Minister has gone into the pulpit, the Praise Group sings an opening introit. The Praise Group meet one evening a month to practice the chosen introits. This is a happy time although there can be a lively discussion about the chosen piece. We always welcome new members, so if you enjoy singing, please consider joining us. Please speak to our organist Jan if you are interested.



The Song and the Story  
“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”  
The Doxology Thomas Ken (1637-1711)



Thomas Ken (1637-1711) was an Englishman and an ordained Anglican priest. He served as Rector of several parishes, was briefly chaplain to Princess Mary, and later to the British fleet. He published many poems, along with a Manual to Prayers.

After his parents died, Thomas was enrolled by his sister into an all- boy's school, Winchester College. He would return to the same school as Chaplain many years later. In order to motivate his students in their devotions,

Thomas wrote a three stanza hymn -- one verse to be sung upon waking and one before bed. The third verse was to be sung at midnight, if a boy found sleep difficult.

Today, the writing of this hymn may seem an innovative way to motivate teenage boys. In Thomas' day however, the writing of this hymn for such a purpose was somewhat revolutionary. For centuries hymns of the church were sung only by monks. Although at this point in history protestant churches in some countries were beginning to introduce hymns into congregational singing, it would be several years before England would officially sanction the practice). For this reason, Thomas Ken has been called 'England's first hymnist.' The refrain to all three verses of Thomas' hymn has since become one of the most widely-sung songs in the world, and is referred to in many circles simply as, *The Doxology* Towards the end of his life; Thomas Ken was imprisoned by King James II, for his forward Protestant thinking. Upon his release, he quietly retired from the priesthood and went to live with some friends until his death, on March 11, 1711 when he was buried at sunrise, *The Doxology* was sung at his funeral.

**Verse 1**

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost*

**Verse 2**

*Let earth and heavenly saints proclaim The power and might of His great Name  
Let us exalt on bended knee Praise God the Holy Trinity*

**Verse 3**

*Praise to the King His throne transcends His crown and Kingdom never end  
Now and throughout eternity I'll praise the One Who died for me*

**Chorus 1**

*Praise God praise God Praise God Who saved my soul  
Praise God praise God Praise God from Whom all blessings flow*

# WITH THANKS

Thank you so much for the lovely cards, good wishes and prayers while I was in hospital. They were very much appreciated

Thank you also for the flowers from the Church and the Boys Brigade for the beautiful basket. Many thanks to you all

*Anne McLean*

I would like to thank Rev. Vint and all the prayer group for their kind thoughts and prayers, also a big thanks for cards and visits from everyone. God bless you all.

*Lilian Thomson*

I would like to thank friends & the Guild for cards, visits and church flowers which were beautiful and cheered me up while I was recuperating from my knee replacement. Many thanks.

*Elizabeth Anderson*

Many thanks for the lovely flowers delivered by Molly. It was a very pleasant surprise and much appreciated. Thanks to Molly for bringing them to the house and for taking the time to stay for a chat while Andrew sat patiently waiting in the car. Thanks again.

*Christine Campbell and family*

I would like to thank my Church family for the lovely flowers that were delivered to me, here in Craig-en-Goyne. Although I cannot manage to be with you, it is great to know that I am still in your thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

*Chrissie Kidd*

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all friends & family for cards, flowers, gifts and good wishes given to us on our Ruby Wedding Anniversary. Everyone's generosity and kindness is very much appreciated. Love & God bless.

*Hilda & Davie Dodds*

Thank you to everyone for the cards, sympathies and prayers on the death of my husband Mungo. Your support has helped me through this difficult time.

*Gaynor Manderson*

thank  
you!





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

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

## Dates for your diary

3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Polar Explorers (Mon - Fri)	Church Hall	10.00am
6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Family Evening	Church Hall	7.00pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Joint Service (with Burns & Old)		11.00am
14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	'Drop In' re-opens	Wyper Hall	10.00am - noon
18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Managers meeting	Wyper Hall	7.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Jam Club		11.00am
23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Rose of Sharon Ministry		11.00am
23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Bible Society Sunday		
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Kirk Session	Wyper Hall	7.30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Praise Group	Church	7.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Communion Services		11.00am & 6.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Harvest Thanksgiving		11.00am



***Boys Brigade & Girls Brigade: dates are still to be decided for the start of the new session***

***The Guild, Ladies Bowling and the Midweek Fellowship start back in October***

# OUR FAMILY



## Deaths

26<sup>th</sup> July 2015: Mr Alfred (Freddie) Thornton  
Rennie Road, Kilsyth. (Husband of Christine)

## Birthdays

Happy 82<sup>nd</sup> Birthday to Mrs Betty Clelland,  
Weavers Court on the 30<sup>th</sup> July

Happy 82<sup>nd</sup> Birthday to Mrs Margaret Cullen,  
Low Craigends on the 8<sup>th</sup> August

Happy 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Mr Ronnie Swan,  
Coneypark Place on the 13<sup>th</sup> August

Happy 82<sup>nd</sup> Birthday to Mrs Audrey Reed,  
Craigends Court on the 8<sup>th</sup> September

Happy 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Mrs Margaret McDonald  
Montrose Gardens on the 19<sup>th</sup> September



## Anniversaries

Congratulations to Betty & Wullie Cook who celebrate their Pearl (30<sup>th</sup>) Wedding Anniversary.  
They were married in the church on the 21st September 1985.



Congratulations to John & Jean Weir from Banton,  
who celebrated their Golden Wedding  
on 3<sup>rd</sup> July

On the 25<sup>th</sup> August 1964 in the Anderson Parish Church, Kilsyth, Christine Burns from Kilsyth married George Bateman from Banton. George's Best Man was his brother Ronnie who is married to our organist, Jan.

Well done Christine & George, 50 years together.



## *The Mayonnaise Jar and Two Coffees*

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar... and the coffee...

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.



"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things-your God, family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favourite passions-things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else-the small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical check-ups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented.

The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."



## Getting Together

Getting together in small groups is a splendid way of getting to know people and sharing ideas. We have the perfect opportunity to do this at our Midweek Fellowship which meets at 7.30pm each Thursday.

Over the season we have various approaches to learning together. Last year we had a DVD series of some of the teaching material from the Keswick convention which is always outstanding. When we use these we don't have very much time for discussion. We also had a fairly lengthy series on the Book of Psalms and we were able to find out lots about the different sorts of Psalms and their value. We also looked at various themes from different books of the Bible such as Prayer & Evangelism. All of these were helpful.

The minister is anxious to have lots of small groups, so we had a "stand alone" short series before Easter entitled "Eat, Pray and Share" and we were delighted to welcome five or six non-regulars to these gatherings. These were people who are interested but not able or wanting to commit to coming every week throughout the year. In the new session we will be having at least two or more of these "stand alone" series and we will be giving them full publicity. The minister intends to have one looking at changes in the Church and this should run for about five or six weeks in the first part of the session in September. We hope many more will want to come along to these "taster" series.

We also have guest speakers from time to time representing such organisations as "The Mission Aviation Fellowship" and of course we have our famous "Fish Supper Nights" when we just relax and share time together. We do have a speaker at these though, for example Lee Moody, who is leading our Holiday Club this year spoke at the last one in May.

The other thing we do each week is engage in Prayer. This is prayer for our local Church, and for the wide Church. Prayer for Christian organisations from our own Church and outside too. Finally there is always lots of prayers for individuals who have some special requests for thanksgiving, or to meet some need or to bring help through dark times or support in times of illness. It is a significant activity and happily it is something that is increasingly being taken up by members of the Church. There is, of course, no compulsion on anyone attending to take part in the "Prayer Time" but all may. There is also a chance to pray silently and to bring God your own requests during this time.

We simply commend the Fellowship to you and cordially invite you to come when we begin again in September.



## **GUILD REPORT FOR MAGAZINE**



We had another very successful year at the Guild in 2014 – 15 with 60 members registered including 3 gentlemen although more attended on special occasions. We were ably introduced to the theme for the session, 'A world to serve' by the Reverend Stuart Steell when we joined with our friends at Burns and Old for our opening meeting.

Our Guild members really took up the challenge by knitting hats for Northern Thailand, collecting plastic bags and providing pyjamas for the GB project in Glasgow City Mission; collecting electrical cable for the BB project in Malawi and giving to our local Food Bank. Through sale of goods by some speakers' Guide Dogs for the Blind, Mission Aviation Fellowship and various charities supported by ONE WAY singing group were given generous donations. Some members also collect loose change in Sunshine Bags and with tithing the collections we were able to give to our Guild Projects; Mary's Meals in Liberia, Wevolution (self- help groups in deprived areas Glasgow) and BB Malawi.

Our gratitude goes to Ena Graham for organising a varied and interesting programme with good use of local talent. A number of speakers commented on the numbers who attend our Guild and the enthusiasm of the members.

Burns & Old Parish Church hosted both the Guild of Friendship and World Day of Prayer during the session. Unfortunately the World Day of Prayer was poorly attended by members of our Guild.

I would like to thank everyone involved who made this session so successful from those who set up the hall, the hostesses, technology support, charring meetings, playing the piano and providing home baking etc. Each has played an important role.

Our new session commences on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm and you would be very welcome to come and try it. You might like it especially the men folk!!

Olivia Brittian

Convenor

## **PRAYERS FOR A SUMMER DAY**

*We are delighted that more and more people in our church are asking for prayer when passing through important movements of anxiety, stress or happiness in their lives. However with things being quiet during the summer months we have fewer opportunities of gathering for prayer – there is no Midweek Fellowship, no Pause for Prayer and no time for prayer before the Evening Service.*

*Please remember that the box for Prayer Requests is still there and these requests will be followed up. As well as that, there is still an opportunity to wait down at the Prayer Corner at the close of the service. There is always someone there who will share prayer with you. Please feel free to use this resource.*

*IT DOESN'T HAVE A SUMMER BREAK.*

### **A MORNING PRAYER**

Lord God thank you for bringing me to a new day and for the rest of the  
night just ended

Be with me today, in all I do or say or think for I need you and want to live  
today in a way that pleases you and that helps me to be more like Christ

If I have to face temptation give me your strength Lord to help me overcome it  
And if I fall, to seek your forgiveness

If I have an opportunity to serve you, give me grace to accept it and pass the glory  
onto you

Father I commit myself and those I love into your hand  
for this day

**Amen**

### **AN EVENING PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, we've been through a lot together today

Sometimes I have rejoiced because I have felt strong through you. Sometimes I have fallen and have felt ashamed  
and sometimes I have simply forgotten you

Thank you Lord for the way you have stuck by me

Thank you too for those who love me and have encouraged me.

Thank you for any victories won, lessons learned or service rendered  
Father as I end the day and think about sleep, cleanse me and forgive me, for  
I have sinned.

Keep me and those I love through the hours of darkness and help me to go  
on loving and serving until I see your face

**Amen**



# Here is Gold

One of the finest and most mature Christians I know is someone who often quotes Scripture. Now in saying that I certainly do not mean that he quotes it parrot fashion. He quotes it with understanding for its real meaning and the implication for everyday living. He is a loving and generous friend who is full of grace. He quotes scripture because it is his guide, his standard and something that truly feeds his soul. That is exactly as it should be. So how did he get this familiarity with the Bible? Obviously he got it from reading it regularly and believingly. Just as importantly he got it from regular practice of having memory verses that he learned and repeated. That is what we try to encourage in these monthly “Memory Verses”

## **AUGUST: ACTS 8 Vs 31**

“How can I understand unless someone explains it to me? So he invited Philip up to sit with him.”

Here is Philip evangelising this high Ethiopian whom he has met on the road. This man is reading from Isaiah. Philip asks him if he understands what he is reading, to which the man replies in the words of our text. Philip then explains and the man is converted and subsequently baptised.

## **SEPTEMBER: ACTS 16 Vs 10**

“After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.”

The Gospel was born in Palestine and the first mission was to the Jews and there it might have remained till Paul has this vision one night of a man from Macedonia calling him to come over and help them. Paul takes this as a message from God and the huge step is taken of going to Europe with the Gospel; and preaching salvation to the Gentiles. Here the door opens to Christianity as a world faith.

## **OCTOBER: ACTS 20 Vs 24**

“I consider my life worth nothing to me; if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.”

Paul has been a faithful minister of Jesus Christ but now he is going up to Jerusalem and feels certain that things will not go well there and in this verse he is saying goodbye to his friends in Ephesus. He tells them that evangelism has been his whole life. Nothing else matters compared to this.

# Girls Brigade



I can't believe it was a year ago I had the brilliant opportunity to be part of the team who represented Girls' Brigade Scotland at the ICGB (International Conference Girls' Brigade) in Perth Australia. It was a fantastic week filled with amazing stories of how God is working in people's lives as well as an opportunity to share our faith and our work with all the girls within Girl's Brigade worldwide. That experience made me look at my own part in Girl's Brigade and I looked at how I could develop my skills. I prayed and thought a lot about this. Last September I became the representative for Cumbernauld and Kilsyth and I am now part of the Glasgow Executive Committee. It is great sharing ideas and also discussing issues important as a small team and as a division.

Through going to one of the Glasgow leader's meeting I heard about the Girls' Brigade Europe Leaders Conference in Belfast, Ireland. I was privileged to get a place and be part of this super conference looking at the power of prayer, reaching out to girls in the communities, the work, which goes on all over Europe within Girls'

Brigade and sharing the opportunities available for girls through Girls' Brigade. I enjoyed sharing about what our girls have done within our company here in the church and about the fundraising the girls did for the Glasgow City Mission. I was empowered hearing about Vivienne Aitchison's (International President for Girls' Brigade) vision for GB worldwide over the next 3 years and the opportunities available for the girls within our company through Charlotte Hendry (GB Europe Youth Co-ordinator). It was great to be part of the Girl's Brigade family for a weekend and meet back up with some of the ladies I was with at ICGB in Australia.



On the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015 – it will be a year since the Chibok school girls in Nigeria were abducted. Six of these girls are members of the Girl's Brigade. We continue to pray for these girls.

Girls' Brigade members all around the world continue to pray. We haven't forgotten about these girls.

We are sorry to have lost an officer and helper this year, Samantha Service and Katrina Hope have decided to move onto pastures new and we wish them well. We are looking for some adult helpers to continue the smooth running of our Company or if you have some talents you would like to share with the girls please speak to Catherine Kerr, Jacqueline Brown or Helen Shaw.

We are excited that Helen Shaw, one of our talented members of our team is going to do her Officer's Training this year. We are really pleased about this and we wish her well in completing her training.

We are really proud of our Brigaders who are completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh. Six of our Brigaders have completed their expedition with 5 more due to complete theirs just before we begin our new session. They have been working hard on this award and we are pleased with their commitment and dedication to this.

I am looking forward to the new session.

We haven't decided on a start date but will send out letters to the girls and post on our Facebook page.

Jacqueline Brown





## Boys Brigade July/August News

Firstly, I must begin with an apology. In the last newsletter I said that Fraser Anderson had been awarded the Junior Section trophy for Boy of the month - it should have been Boy of the YEAR! Thank you Fraser for correcting me and please accept my apologies.



On Wednesday 3rd June the Boys' Brigade managed to bring the Royal Mile in Edinburgh to a standstill! Our four Queen's men - Blair Anderson, Lewis Cameron, Cameron Costiff and Christopher Smith joined with members of East Lowland area to parade down the Royal Mile to the Canongate Kirk where they were presented with their Queen's Awards by John Swinney MSP. As the pipe band played and the Queen's Men paraded down the Mile all street theatre performers had to abandon their acts as their audiences ignored them and concentrated their attention on the parade! It was quite a spectacle. Being in Canongate Kirk was also rather special with the front pew displaying the Royal coat of Arms and being cordoned off - reserved for Royalty!

Friday 3rd July saw a member of 3rd Kilsyth in the presence of Royalty when Mark Anderson was presented with his Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award at Holyrood Palace. Although the Duke does not actually present the awards he is present and goes around the different groups speaking to some of the recipients. Well done Mark.

Please remember that we are collecting old cable to raise funds to refurbish the Church in Malawi. So far we have had over £400 from used cable and some other old metals. There are boxes in the Church and hall, but if you are unable to bring it to Church I will collect it from you if you contact me on 821060. Just cut off the cable from any old electrical appliances which are being thrown out! Many thanks to all who have supported this project. We are hoping to return to Malawi next summer to carry out more work in the village.

We as a staff are enjoying a much needed break. We will have a meeting soon to decide when we start back - information will be posted on our Facebook page

# Kids Page

**Q: WHAT DO YOU GET  
WHEN YOU CROSS A  
COMPUTER & A LIFE  
GUARD?**  
**A: A SCREENSAVER**



Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

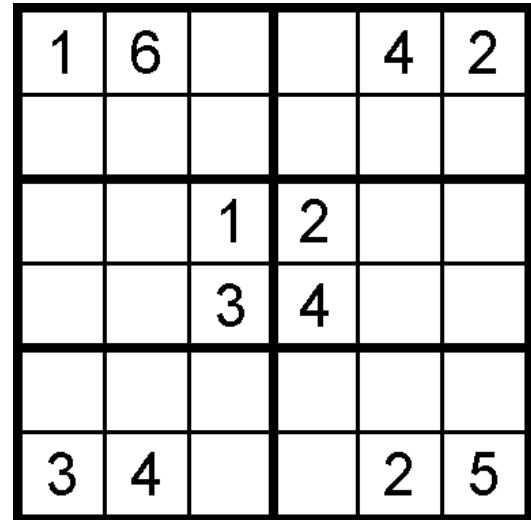
## David & Goliath Anagram

**Word List:**

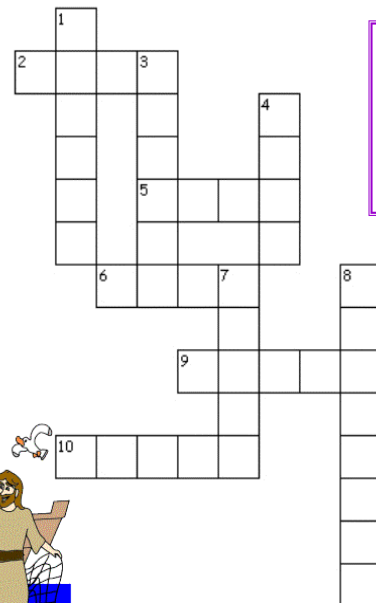
brave, fight, giant, heart, hero,  
Philistines, shepherd, slingshot, stones,  
youngest



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egnostuy \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Twelve Disciples Crossword



**Word List:**  
boat follow  
disciple heal  
James learn  
left Simon  
nets twelve

**Q: WHAT FISH ONLY  
SWIMS AT NIGHT?**  
**A: A STARFISH**

**Q: WHAT HAS A HEAD, A  
TAIL, BUT NO BODY**  
**A: A COIN**

**Q: WHAT IS THE LAST  
THING YOU TAKE OFF  
BEFORE GOING TO BED?**  
**A: YOUR FEET OFF THE**



### Across

- Jesus sometimes taught from inside this.
- The disciples \_\_\_ everything and followed Jesus.
- Jesus gave the disciples authority to drive out evil spirits and \_\_\_ every disease.
- John's brothers' name.
- From this disciple's boat Jesus taught and performed a miracle with fish.

### Down

- Jesus said, "\_\_\_ me and I will make you fishers of men".
- This is the number of disciples Jesus chose.
- Jesus told the disciples to let down their \_\_\_ and suddenly were able to catch fish.
- We can be Jesus' disciples by trying to \_\_\_ all we can about Him.
- The name for follower of Jesus Christ.

**Places to find us**

**FACEBOOK/ TWITTER**

[www.facebook.com/kilsythanderson](http://www.facebook.com/kilsythanderson)

**Twitter@ Kilsyth Anderson**

**WEBSITE**

[www.kilsythandersonchurch.org](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

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