

# Kilsyth Anderson

## Parish Church News

### June/July 2023



Few would argue that holidays are a bad thing, except maybe the chronic workaholic, who perceives a good night's sleep a complete waste of time. Escaping from the normal routine is deemed essential if one is to survive in an ever demanding work environment .... Batteries need recharging!

In a past generation, when families were numerically larger and where money was scarce, a fortnight with the grandparents on the croft, being eaten alive by midges was seen as virtually next door to paradise!

But where did the word, holiday, come from? One Dictionary definition gives the following explanation, 'A period in which a break is taken from work or study, for rest, travel or recreation.' And derives from the Old English, 'Holyday.'

Israel of old had many 'holydays.' Passover and Day of Atonement, commemorated God's Gracious Salvation. Tabernacles, celebrated His rich and abundant harvest, and the 'holydays' were between two to seven days, with their focus being on communal thanksgiving and joyful worship.

The Sabbath, literally, 'Day of Rest' was deemed to be the most important of the 'holydays' and was intended to remind God's people that on the seventh day God rested from His work of creation. Sadly, by Jesus day, the Sabbath, God's good gift to His people had become so enmeshed in legalism that it had lost its sense of joy and celebration. A tailor, for example, if he was found to be carrying a

needle in his coat, was considered to have broken the Sabbath regulations, through conveying a tool of his trade, albeit inadvertently.

But how did the Jewish become the Christian Sabbath, Sunday or Lord's Day? You recall how Joseph, a member of the Jewish Council, not wishing to desecrate the Sabbath, requested that the body of Jesus be taken down from the cross and placed in a tomb, Luke 23:50-54. This took place on the Jewish Saturday, our Friday, so Jesus did not emerge from the tomb on the Sabbath, but on the following day. A special day that is spoken of in the New Testament as, 'the first day of the week' or, 'The Lord's Day' our Sunday.

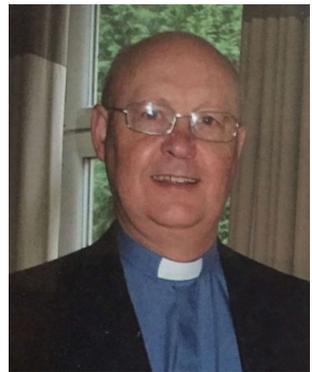
If the Jewish Sabbath was a day of sorrow and deep sadness for the first disciples, the first Lord's Day was filled with rejoicing and victory songs. The day reminded and assured them that Jesus had the victory over sin, death and the grave. On this day they met as a church family, they broke bread, listened to God's Word being explained by the apostles, prayed together and gave an offering for God's work, Acts 2:42-47. & 1 Cor. 16:2.

Our 'Holyday' is the Lord's Day, because it took the death of Jesus on the cross to make it possible for God to bring eternal healing into our souls.

As we gather in God's House, be it the Anderson church building or in some far of exotic holiday destination on His 'Holyday' may we know the reality of Christ's victory, presence, power and renewal.

Happy and blessed holidays and 'Holydays' to one and all.

Your, soon to be on holiday, friend,  
**Kenneth.**



## 2nd Kilsyth Girls Brigade

We have had an excellent year; our company has grown in number and we are excited about the future of our Company.

We value the support of the congregation, the session, and especially our two elders, Hazel and Dorothy. Also a warm thank-you to the ladies who helped with the refreshments after our Parents' and Friends' evening on Tuesday the 9th May. We were thrilled to have our Locum Minister Rev Kenneth MacLeod, his wife Kathleen and son David with us that evening and to have Mrs Kathleen MacLeod present the girls with their badges and gifts this year.

Our 2 Brigaders, Erin and Lucy, who have been in the company for eleven and thirteen years respectively, were both presented with their Brigaders' Brooches. Our 2 trainee leaders Emma and Katie have been a huge help this year to Margaret, Mhairi and myself.

On Saturday 13th May we had our day outing by bus to the Five Sisters Zoo with excellent weather and the girls and leaders had a great day out.

On the weekend of 5th - 7th May, Mhairi and I, with six of our girls, had planned to go to camp with our Boys' Brigade Company, to the Dalguise Outdoor Centre, Dunkeld, but at the very last minute, because the centre was closed due to a Norovirus, we ended up at another PGL Outdoor Centre in Preston. A longer bus journey, but better weather (than forecasted for Dunkeld). We all had a great weekend.



Girls' Brigade will resume at the start of September.

## Jean Ewen

### Pastoral Care

If you would like a visit from your Church elder or one of the Pastoral Care team, please let us know. Whether it's coming round for a cuppa or chatting on the phone, we are here to support each other. Even if you haven't been to church for a while, we will be glad to hear from you.

Contact Hazel on 07986861834



## Thanks

I would like to thank the church for my beautiful flowers I received after my stay in hospital. Very much appreciated

**Helen Burns  
Twechar**

Dear Friends, thank you so much for your good wishes during the last few weeks – so much appreciated by me. I am writing now to thank you again for the beautiful flowers which I received from the church after success-

ful cataract surgery. I can see clearly now and the colours in the flowers are so wonderful!

**Margaret Waddell**

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for flowers, cards, telephone calls and enquiries during my recent stay in hospital. These have been very much appreciated. I am now home and look forward to being back soon with you all.

**Kathleen Ross**

**tearfund**

## Tearfund's online memory garden

Tearfund have developed an interactive space where you can share a tribute to a loved one, celebrating their life and faith and give a gift in their memory which might help to transform the lives of people living in extreme poverty around the world.

Why not find out more about how you can simply and easily create a beautiful and personal online tribute and share memories of a family member, friend or colleague.

<https://tearfund.org/memorygarden>





2023 Walk of Witness—pictured relaxing in the hall after the Good Friday walk of witness, Dorothy Barrowman, Sharon Moore and family. Below the hall looks busy and bottom the walk leaving St Patricks and making its way down the hill.

Thanks to Catriona Clark for the photos



## Loss and Damage

The climate crisis is making weather events, such as floods, storms and droughts, more common and more severe. The resulting loss of life, land and culture is a global scandal.

In southern Malawi, droughts and floods ravage the land. Crops are being destroyed and lives and being lost. With vital incomes wiped out, children can no longer go to school.



### **This is loss and damage.**

The communities who experience the greatest loss and damage, have done the least to cause it.

At the COP27 climate talks in 2022, governments agreed to create a fund to compensate communities hit by climate disasters. But the fund is still empty, and communities are still left to pay the bills for loss and damage. Meanwhile, the polluters who've created the crisis continue to grow rich. It's time for polluters to pay up. To make this happen, we need to rise up together and call on the UK Government to make polluters pay.

### **Why is loss and damage happening?**

The world is getting hotter. Rising temperatures are creating more droughts, floods and other extreme weather events. This is because we continue to pump fossil fuels into the atmosphere, against all scientific advice, and while ignoring the experience of our global neighbours who live with the consequences every day.

### **What's the solution?**

We must limit rising temperatures to minimise loss and damage. And we must stand with communities who are calling for compensation to rebuild their lives. At the COP27 climate talks in 2022, governments agreed to create a Loss and Damage fund that could do just that. But right now, the fund is empty. For too long, communities who experience loss and damage have been expected to pay the bill while polluters who cause loss and damage enjoy great wealth and generate massive profits.

It's time for the UK Government to make polluters pay.

Watch a short video to find out what loss and damage means to individuals at <https://caid.org.uk/riseuppayupstories>

Educate yourself and your church group with resources provided by

6 Christian Aid <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved>

The Right Rev Sally Foster-Fulton succeeded Iain Greenshields to become Moderator of the General Assembly in May.

She will leave her role as head of Christian Aid in Scotland to serve as the Kirk's ambassador at home and abroad for the next 12 months.

Before joining Christian Aid in 2016, Mrs Foster-Fulton convened the Church and Society Council and helped advance the Church's work on human rights, climate justice and support for people struggling to overcome poverty in Scotland as well as overseas. In 2007, she was appointed associate minister at Dunblane Cathedral.

She also served as a chaplain at Falkirk and District Royal Infirmary and The Royal National Scottish Hospital in Larbert before being accepted as a candidate for ministry in the Church of Scotland. After she was ordained in 1999, Mrs Foster-Fulton spent four years as parish minister at Camelon Irving Parish Church in Falkirk.



The possible changes we face in the coming years are certainly unsettling but it occurs to me that this is far from the first time the Church has been facing difficulties.

In fact I would be bold enough to suggest that it is times when everything is settled, and there are no crises at all, that are the odd ones out for any healthy family of faith. We do not work in isolation from our brothers and sisters outside the Church, and the worlds of religion, politics, culture, and society necessarily interweave with one another as all are, in some ways, concerned with humanity and our various communities.

The future awaits us and we have the privilege of contributing to how the Church of Scotland will look in Kilsyth in coming years. But beyond the day-to-day tasks ahead we must never lose sight of why we are here, to share the Good News of the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing is more important than that.

God bless you all.

**Rev Bob Johnston**

**Burns & Old**



**The JAM club** are looking forward to their special Prize Giving service at the end of June.

We will have a wee break from the structured format during the school holidays, but children are still welcome to come along over the summer. There are games, crafts and snacks available every week.

We have enjoyed the arrival of a few new members this year, but still have room for more ! Please invite any children along who may enjoy our activities.

If any grown-ups would like to join us, (especially with an existing PVG) please speak to Hazel or Dorothy. New faces, skills, ideas or suggestions are always welcome.

Many thanks, **Hazel.**

## Future Service Dates & Events

28 May—Joint service in Burns and Old

Joint services will then fall into a pattern of the 2nd Sunday of each month.

10 June—Summer Fayre

11 June—Joint Service in Anderson

BB head to Malawi

18 June—Communion Sunday

*Don't forget the summer fayre on Sat  
10th June!!*

## The Mid-week 'Zoom Bible Study Group

This group continues to come together on a Thursday Night and there are usually around a dozen of us, looking into the Bible in a very informal way.

We are currently looking at 'Women of the New Testament' and so far have looked at 'Elizabeth', 'Mary', 'Herodias' and the Canaanite Woman, all familiar women to us, but good to have an in-depth look at them individually.

We open in prayer and have a time of prayer after the Bible study, all lasting just over an hour. Coming together with the use of technology is certainly the way forward for our group and we have welcomed back some members this term, which is great and encouraging.

We will be finishing up in a few weeks for a summer break, but we will be meeting again soon, so why not consider joining us? With technology, there is always room for you and we would be delighted if you come and join us: no need to leave the house, just join in on 'zoom'.

Give your email address to George Ewen, Dorothy Barrowman or Catriona Clark and we can forward you the link. We will broadcast when we will be starting up again, so please consider joining in.

**Catriona C Clark**

## Boys' Brigade

We had a busy last few weeks of the session having our parents' nights for the Anchors and Juniors and then the Company and Senior sections: these were well attended and the boys did great with this being the first parents' night since 2019.

A large numbers of boys were joined by girls from the GBs to attend an adventure weekend - this had planned to be in Dal-

guise but a last minute call from PGL meant we ended up near Prestatyn this year. Despite the changes, all had a wonderful weekend.

Finally, as many of you know, 7 boys and staff are heading to Malawi in

middle of June for two weeks to continue the partnership with a school in Katete. A massive fund raising exercise has taken place over the past number of years to make this happen so we want to thank everyone who has supported events or made donations to make this happen. We hope and pray the Boys and officers have a very enjoyable, successful and safe trip and there will be plenty of pictures I am sure.

With that comes the end to another BB year. We will return in August by for now, we wish everyone an enjoyable summer!

**Scott Anderson,  
Captain**



In May, Willie McIlwain was presented with a long service certificate by the Rev Charles MacKinnon in recognition of his 60 years' service as an elder of the Church of Scotland. A lunch was held in the church halls afterwards and everyone enjoyed a very happy day.



Cathy sent a message afterwards thanking everyone for a special day and said how lovely it had been to see Charles and Catherine MacKinnon again. She and Willie had very much enjoyed the lunch and especially the cake made by William Shaw!



Last deadline for August/September edition will be **Sunday 30th July** for publishing on **6th August**.

Please send emails to [andersonchurchmagazine@outlook.com](mailto:andersonchurchmagazine@outlook.com) or give your articles to Rona on a Sunday

## Funerals

*I am the resurrection and the life*

April            Helen McFarlen  
                       John Dunn  
 May              Alistair Braingngen

## Rotas

Week ending	Door Duty	Reading	Cleaning	Flower donations
4 Jun	R Dawson I McFadyen	Jim Millar	Team 5 (Thur)	Margaret Martin
11 Jun	<b>Joint Service</b> <b>B/Old</b>	John Weir	Team 1 (Sat)	Margaret Brown
18 Jun	B Smith W Shaw	Jean Ewen	Team 2 (Thur)	Elizabeth Strang
25 June		George Ewen	Team 3 (Thur)	
2 Jul		Jean Chalmers	Team 4 (Sat)	Kathleen Ross
9 Jul	<b>Joint service</b> <b>Anderson</b>	Olivia Brittian	Team 5 (Thur)	William Shaw
16 Jul		Margaret Brown	Team 1 (Sat)	Aileen Mitchell
23 Jul		Ann Sneddon	Team 2 (Thur)	Jacqueline Gore
30 Jul		Elizabeth Strang	Team 3 (Thur)	Christine Johnston