

Eastwood Parish Church of Scotland

Crossbeam— June 2024



Where you belong

From the Manse...

Dear Friends,

When you hear the word “summer”, I wonder what comes to mind? For some it may be sunshine, sandy beaches, relaxing, or it may be adventuring, or exploring museums and cities. For others it may be hay-fever! Or for us “Glaswegians” it may mean “rain with a smattering of sunshine”!

In all seriousness, what summer means to you probably depends on your age. For children it means school holidays and nothing to do; for parents it means school holidays and ‘what shall we do?’. To those whose children are adults, it may mean “we take our holidays in September”. For those older still, it may mean no-one to meet and nowhere to go because everything “stops” for summer.

Summer in the Church can feel like that because everything slows . We all come and go and Church attendance becomes a little bit less as well. Yet, if we just let time “pass us by” we miss out on meeting with each other and meeting with God.

For originally “holidays” were “holy-days”. Today holidays can be the least holy-days, as people view them as time off from God, or at least worship! So, this year, I want to encourage us all, myself included, to use our holidays/holy-days wisely. Why not visit another Church in our Cluster, or beyond? Find time to make new friends. Go and see that film you were thinking about or start that book you bought months ago. You could read the Bible, or weed the garden and pray!

Whatever you do this summer, I pray you will feel refreshed and renewed.

Your friend and minister,

Jim

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Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago
One day, I saw a sign that read 'Heaven's Grocery Store'
As I got a little closer, the door came open wide,
And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.
I saw a host of ANGELS—they were standing everywhere.
One handed me a basket and said 'My child, shop with care'.
Everything a Christian needed was in the Grocery Store,
And all you couldn't carry, you could come next day for more.

First I got some PATIENCE, LOVE WAS in the same row,
Further down was UNDERSTANDING, you need that everywhere you go.
I got a box or two of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH
I couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST for it was all over the place.
I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me run this race.
By then my basket was getting full but I remembered some GRACE
I didn't forget SALVATION is free,
So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.

Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill
For I thought I had everything to do my MASTER'S will.
As I went up the aisle I saw PRAYER and I just had to put that in
For I know when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.
PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were on the last shelf.
SONG and PRAISES were just hanging there, so I just helped myself.
Then I said to the Angel, 'Now, how much do I owe?'
He just smiled and said 'Just take them everywhere you go'.
Again I said 'How much do I really owe?'
He smiled again and said
'MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL
A LONG, LONG TIME AGO!'

Contributed by Isabel McCormick

Social and Fundraising News

Social Events

Our Christian Aid Lunch was attended by 40 people and they enjoyed a variety of sandwiches and a delicious selection of sweets. We raise £141 for the charity and gained a few pounds round our waistline! Thanks to everyone for their help and donations.

Community Event: This event is being held to help some pupils from Hillpark Secondary realise their dream of going to Malawi. It is being held in the hall and grounds of the Church on Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11am – 1pm. There will be stalls, activities (mostly free), a BBQ and tea room.

Summer Lunch: This will be held after the service in the Church on Sunday 18th August 2024 and will consist of salads and cakes.

McMillan Coffee Morning: This is a fundraiser for this worthwhile charity on Sunday 22nd September 2024 after the Service and held in the Church.

Brian Taylor Fashions: Back by popular demand, this entertaining show will be back on Friday 25th October 2024. Look out for further information later in the year.

Anne Maree Smith

Christian Aid

Many thanks to everyone who has supported Christian aid with their envelope, attended lunch, volunteered or purchased a quiz. The final total will be announced at a later date. Copies of the quiz are still available.

Church Lunch Outing

A group of us from the church met for lunch recently at the Malletsheugh in Newton Mearns. I believe it was Erika who came up with the idea for a get together outwith the church and we all had a great lunch and chat.

Thank you Erika for arranging the outing and I hope there is another one.

Linda Smith

Church Family News

Maureen McKillop would like to say thank you for the birthday card and flowers that she received recently. They were really appreciated.

Mary Marshall would like to say thank you for the flowers she received recently, and a thank you to John and Anne Maree for all they do for the church.

Avril Ferns would like to say thank you for the good wishes and beautiful flowers received recently, much appreciated.

Netta Stewart would like to say thank you for the flowers and card that Isabel brought for her birthday. They were very much appreciated.

Isabel McCormick would like to thank the Kirk Session for the flowers and card which she received on her 80th birthday, and also for the many cards she received from friends.

Margaret Marshall, Claire Walker, Janice Teasdale and the rest of the Teasdale family, Greig Taylor, Jean Allan, and Anne Jessiman would like to say thank you for the flowers they have received, along with everyone else who has recently been given flowers from the church who send their grateful thanks. Thanks should also go to Isabel Freer for taking the time to deliver the flowers.

Eastwood Carpet Bowlers

I would like to start by saying a big thank you to all the ladies who turned up each week to play bowls and especially to the new members who joined us this past year. Thank you all.

Due to the increase in membership we were able to compete in the singles, pairs and aggregate cups.

Singles Cup winner is Katrina McCusker.

Pairs Cup winners Linda Smith and Doreen McMillan.

Aggregate Cup winner Irene Friend.

Well done to you all. Our new session will start in October and we look forward to the ladies returning and to any new members who wish to join us.

Linda Smith



Flower Donations

Many thanks to everyone who has donated to the flower fund, the church is very grateful for your continued support, those receiving flowers are most thankful.

Diff'rently the Same

Just look through my eyes & then surely you'll see,
the spirit of the person still deep down within me,
but when I'm looking outwards, I'm still me, despite being so much
Diff'rently the same.....

Things easy before can be much harder now
Ah.... a fond memory sought will furrow my brow
Amidst all of this turmoil, doggedness, enables me to cope
Diff'r'ently the same.

I'm still your friend from your far off school days
your ever loving spouse since our wedding day
I'm still your father, your mother who was forever there when you were need-
ing me most
I'm your big sister, your little brother, I'm the person who needs all of your un-
derstanding
Though things inside me are changing, I still love you, although I've become
So diff'rently the same.

Odd looks come my way when I fail to disguise a feeling, lost expression
That comes clouding my eyes
But what's the alternative to sitting housebound, feeling sadly
Diff'rently the same

Friends of bygone years don't know how to react, some speak past me in
hushed tones
Others have less tact and fidget in my presence
Yet, some day they might also become
Diff'rently the same.

James McKillop

Radio Star

Diff'rently the same, written by James McKillop, recently featured on the Radio Scotland, Iain Anderson show, twice! The first evening, James's poem was movingly read by Iain Anderson, the following evening beautifully sung, quite an amazing achievement.

Over the years, prolific author & poet, James, has had many of his poems set to music. Lately he has been collaborating with BOLD..... Bringing Out Leaders in Dementia, they were so impressed with the poem they contacted the BBC requesting it to be featured.

A tireless campaigner for Alzheimers, James has previously been recognised for his work with both an honorary degree & doctorate. He was introduced on the radio as an 'advocate, educator & legend'. Most definitely an understatement!

Few of us have not been affected in some way with dementia. Thank you James for this remarkably, moving poem and insight of your life.

The Clock of Life

The clock of life is wound but once
And no man has the power
To tell just where the hands will stop,
At late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,
To lose one's health is more,
To lose one's soul is such a loss
That no man can restore.

The present only is our own,
So live, love, toil with a will
Place no faith in 'tomorrow'
For the clock may then be still.

Contributed by Isabel McCormick

What's On At Eastwood

		Contact
SUNDAY		
11.15 am	Worship	Rev Jim Teasdale
11.00 am	Sunday School (age 2 to 16)	Katie Morrison
7.30 pm	Faithbook (3rd Sunday of the Month) - ONLINE ONLY	Erika Watt
MONDAY		
7.00 pm	Rock Til U Drop Jive Club	Raymond or Nicky
TUESDAY		
5.45 pm	Coyle Irish Dancers	Suzanne Coyle
WEDNESDAY		
10.00 am	Eastwood Carer & Toddler Group	Katie Morrison
1.45 pm	Carpet Bowls (from October to March)	Linda Smith
7.00pm	Mansewood/Hillpark Community Council (first Wednesday of the month)	
THURSDAY		
5.45 pm	Coyle Irish Dancers	Suzanne Coyle
FRIDAY		
9.00 am	Slimming World	Jackie Quinn
7.00 pm	Badminton (from October to May)	Anne Maree Smith
SATURDAY		
11 am	Coyle Irish Dancers	Suzanne Coyle

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