



From the Minister

Summer often seems to be a time when church activities come to a halt and have a break. That's certainly true of the Guild and Thrums Tots. For many other church activities there has already been a long break dating even to well before lockdown. So, rather than winding down over the summer, I'd like to invite you to think about what we can plan during the summer. Our Kirk Sessions have been wrestling with how we respond to the call to mission. In Kirriemuir the focus will be on 'eco' activities, as we think about care of creation, and also on youth and family work. It would be wonderful to start a new program of Messy Church (or similar) and holiday clubs. In Kirriemuir we have any number of eco projects on the go we could support and encourage. Both Kirriemuir and Tannadice have long traditions of coffee mornings and other social activities. It is time we restarted much of what came to a halt.

If there is something you are involved in already or think the church should be involved in, let us know and we shall see how we can support it. If there is something new we should be doing, get together with some friends (who don't even need to be church members) and talk to us about making it happen.

Let's see if the summer break brings some much-needed renewal and revival to our congregations.

John





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Boys' Brigade Service



Pat Richie, Linda Stevens & Helen Smith. (Photo Derek Ramsay)

On Sunday 10th April, we celebrated 127 years of the Boys' Brigade in Kirriemuir and said farewell and thank you to all those who have been involved over the years.

Deaths

"I am the resurrection and the life"

Marilyn Bruce
William Ferrier
Dorothy Winter
Keith Cameron
Audrey Miller
Bert Wilkie
Linda Smith
William Hunter
Diane Hamilton
Connie Colville



Help!

We are looking for a few more helpers on Sunday mornings at the Parish Church to welcome folk at the door, to serve coffee after the service and to help with the count.

We would also like to know who would be able to help with the delivery of paper copy newsletters from Aug / Sept time.

**If you could help, please
let Julia know. Thank you.**

If you would like to make a donation towards the flowers in the Parish Church, please hand your donation in to the office or pop it in the donation boxes in church on a Sunday morning.



Sustainable Kirriemuir



Kirriemuir United Parish Church Guild

Although the Guild is on its summer break, plans are being made for next session. The Gathering this year is being held in Edinburgh not in Dundee as in previous years.



Because of this, we have chosen to watch the live stream in our small hall on Saturday, 10th September. Members are asked to bring their own lunch but tea and coffee will be available - please let Ann know if you intend to be there.

Next day, as a contribution to Guild Week, we are taking the Morning Service in the Church. We hope you will all come along.

To complete a busy weekend, our first Guild meeting is on Monday the 12th September at 2pm in the Church Hall. It will be a Dedication Service led by Rev John Orr followed by afternoon tea provided by the Committee.

Although a definite syllabus has not yet been confirmed, we hope to have the following talks and activities – The Kirriemuir Food Hub, The Bowes-Lyon Family, Home for Good (one of our projects dealing with fostering and adoption), Anne Stott (Bertha Park), British Sign Language, Christmas Floral Art and a Christmas Party. More details will be available nearer the time.

Former and new members both men and women will be made very welcome.
Charlotte

Newsletters by email

Thank you to everyone who signed up to receive newsletters by email instead of paper copies. If you are still receiving a paper copy of this newsletter but would be able to get it by email, please let Julia know julia@gkupc.org

**If you change your email address
PLEASE**

**let Julia know so we can stay in touch
with you! Many thanks**

Linda's Retirement



Photographs from Cortachy Church (Frank Proctor) and Parish Church (Brian Forsyth & Jill Stevens)

Faithful God, bless those who serve and have served; bless those who find new ways to serve and those who pick up new responsibilities. May our life find fulfilment in the doing of the work you call us to. Amen



Letter from Linda

To all at the Glens & Kirriemuir United Parish Church
 Thank you so very much for making my retirement so special.
 Thanks for the stunning 'Geese at Dusk' painting on the Kirrie Steeple stone – **I will treasure it forever.** It brings back memories of the geese who flew over the steeple on the night of my ordination in 2006.



Thanks too for the beautiful silver pendant with medieval Iona floral design – it is so lovely and I will wear it often and think of you all.

Thanks too for all the very generous money gifts, thoughtful cards and flowers. You have made me feel very special.

Thanks to all involved with my final service and presentations, there were so many surprises and happy memories rekindled.

I have loved being your minister and look forward to being a volunteer minister.

God bless you all, with love *Linda*

2023 Calendar

Here are the winning photographs from the public vote for photos for the 2023 GKUPC Calendar –



1st Derek Ramsay

1st Squirrel in Winter, Kinnordy Woods
by Derek Ramsay



2nd Malcolm McBeath

2nd Morning Walk, Kinnordy
by Malcolm McBeath



3rd = Neil Houstoun

3rd = Glen Prosen by Neil Houstoun



3rd = Brian Forsyth

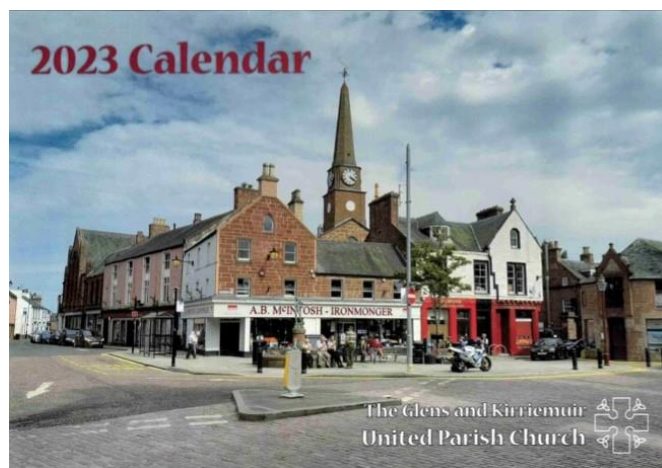
3rd = Bonfire Night on Kirrie Hill
by Brian Forsyth



3rd = Malcolm McBeath

3rd = Peter Pan, Kirrie Square
by Malcolm McBeath

The cover photo is Summer in the Square
by Derek Ramsay –



Congratulations to all!

The other photographers that will feature in the calendar are –

Grace Johnston, Karen McGavock,
John Orr, John Paterson, Frank Proctor,

Roland Proctor, Irene Robertson and Michael Visocchi.

Thank you to all the photographers that entered the competition and to all those who came along to vote.

The prize winner for guessing the most number of photos that were selected for the calendar was – Davina Farquharson.

We hope the calendar will be available to buy from mid to end August.

We have managed to hold the price at £5 again this year!

More information will follow on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gkupc/>
and on our website www.gkupc.org



Thrums Tots

Thrums Tots has now finished for the holidays.

We hope that all our families have a wonderful summer!

**Thrums Tots will be back on
Wednesday 17th August at 10am
and
Thursday 18th August 1pm**

For more info join
Thrums Tots Kirriemuir on Facebook
or phone Julia on
01575 572819

Date for your diary – The fabulous ‘Rat Pack’ will be appearing in concert at the Parish Church on 9th October as a fundraiser for Kirriemuir and District Floral Art Club. Details to follow.

Letter from Tim

I would like to thank everyone at GKUPC for the voucher and flowers given to me on Easter Day on finishing my placement with yourselves. I smiled when I saw the photo in the following week’s newsletter. I would like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome and helping me during my placement. I was very touched when one of the Elders at the Kirk Session suggested that I could continue to take services at Cortachy following Linda’s retirement. Given my training is ‘part-time’ I appreciate that maybe I did not do enough at Kirrie but enjoyed visiting folk around the parish.

I was sorry not to be able to join with everyone in-person for Linda’s retirement service at Kirrie as I intended, and said to a few that I would be there, but glad I was well enough (at the last minute) to send in the video.

I trust all is well with yourself and my thanks again to everyone at GKUPC.

With all my best wishes and my thanks again, *Tim*

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Visit by the Moderator of the General Assembly

During their year in office, the Moderator has a series of visits to undertake. This year, Angus Presbytery was part of that round of visits and we were very pleased to host Lord Wallace and his wife, Jim and Rosie, on one of days they were in the area.



As well as an opportunity to meet with various team members from WAAM, we dropped in to a number of other activities. Many of our church members participate in some very important projects in and around Kirriemuir. Many of these projects relate directly to the key elements of the mission of the church – caring for one another, especially those who are vulnerable, and caring for creation through wise use of resources.



At Kirrie Connections we saw that care first hand, and were delighted to join in the enthusiastic singing of

“I want a hug”, penned by Brian Forsyth.



At the Food Hub, Aija described how donated food and locally-grown produce were used to overcome food poverty as well as reducing food waste.

Some of that produce comes from the community garden at St. Mary's as well as from the impressive growing areas at the schools in Kirriemuir.



Following the visit we received a lovely card from Lord Wallace expressing his thanks to everyone he met, and his appreciation of the important work being done. *John*

