

THE NEW WELLWYNDER

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From the Manse

Dear Friends

Pete McCarthy in his book, "The Road to McCarthy", paints a vivid picture of a breathtakingly beautiful Romanesque cathedral at Cashal in Northern Ireland. Its fame goes back to the twelfth century when it is said that St Patrick preached there using the shamrock as a metaphor for the Trinity. On that same spot a chapel was built and then a cathedral. The story continued many, many years later when the stunning cathedral was abandoned and a new one built at a different spot. The reason for this was very simple, the then Archbishop was unable to make a grand entrance. Because of its unique position he could not be driven by his coach and four horses right to the door and, instead, had to walk part of the way. The solution was to find somewhere flatter to suit him and his horses. A cathedral built, not to the glory of God, but the glory of one man.

Looking back in history we can recount many times when the church has been built up to offer security and benefits to individuals, rather than the glory of God. The Prince Bishops in County Durham built up Durham Cathedral not only to the glory of God, but also as a fortress to protect them and their interests. But is that what the church is all about? When building up a church, and I don't mean bricks and mortar, but a church as in the body of Christ in a place or a community we need to ask why are we building and to what end. In these difficult days of looking at the dwindling number of members and ministers we can look at the situation in different ways. We can lament the decline of the church, sit back and do nothing. Or, we can see it as an opportunity to reflect on, not only of where we have been, but also, where we are going.

During the last difficult few months with my health it has been an opportunity to reflect anew on a lot in my life and what I have discovered is that it is strengthened my faith in God with me and reaffirmed the power of the Body of Christ in your love, thoughts, prayers and encouragement.

We are in the business, not of empire building where we hold onto positions and traditions that have no bearing or relevance today, but of kingdom building where the values are so very different. They are values borne out of a focus on God as we seek to honour him in worship, our work and our witness. They are also borne out of a desire to do the right thing by our neighbour.

*Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew.*

Forthcoming Services

Sunday Morning Services at 11am

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| 4 th September | Morning Worship
<i>Holy Communion</i> |
| 11 th September | Morning Worship
<i>The joy of being found</i> |
| 18 th September | Morning Worship
<i>All are valued and needed</i> |
| 25 th September | Morning Worship
<i>Promises</i> |
| 2 nd October | Morning Worship
<i>Belonging</i> |

Tea and coffee will be served in the Church Hall after morning worship.

Wednesday Services at 12 noon Delve in at 12

Our midweek service on a Wednesday at 12 noon will continue during the autumn months. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Wednesday, 7th September.

The service is followed by tea and coffee.

Attending Worship

The Kirk Session respectfully requests that those attending worship wear a mask (if they are able to) as they arrive at church until they take their seat in the sanctuary.

Those who would prefer to keep their mask on for the whole service are more than welcome to do so and those who would rather remove the mask are also welcome to do so.

If you see someone seated wearing a mask, please respect that decision and give them some space to ensure they are comfortable attending worship.

Let us not just dream of God's reign and the kingdom values, let us make it a reality as we build a house, a home together in the time that lies ahead.

Your friend and minister

Robbie

Minister's Absence

The minister is currently on sick leave following surgery and will be starting another four rounds of chemo. During his absence worship and pastoral care are being handled by our Probationer, Eckhardt Bosch - 07871959996. Robbie thanks you for your continued support - your thoughts and prayers are appreciated. He looks forward to being back with you as soon as he is able.

Kirk Session

We were sorry to hear of the death of two of our long serving elders, Allan Gibson and George Clark.

Allan Gibson

In recent years Allan experienced growing problems with his health with a big difference after the stroke he had in November which saw him in hospital for some three months. He so wanted home and, after four more visits to hospital, he was able to remain at home where he was kept comfortable and well looked after through the care of family and professionals. When the family thought it was close to the end a few weeks before his death, Allan kept going, demonstrating a physical strength, he was a strong man, but also a strength in a determination that we saw in him throughout his life. We were sorry to hear of his passing but it is a welcome release into the arms of the Lord he served so well free from the growing weakness and challenges he was facing with his health.

Allan worked hard for his family and his church family starting off at the Park Church (in 9th Airdrie BB), Wellwynd and then New Wellwynd. He faithfully attended worship and got a lot from it as he also put a lot into church - on the Board and as an elder. He faithfully attended meetings and would invariably have something to say. He faithfully attended to his district as he looked out for them but that is the kind of man that he was - interested in others . . . interested in you . . . keen to help and support in whatever way he could. He would get his sleeves rolled up when there were work parties and work to be done.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Isabell and the family.

George Clark

George looked forward to his retirement after working so hard for so many years. However, health problems affected him early on in his retirement which, as they grew worse affected his mobility but never his mind. He had everything in place to help him out and help get him out! He was supported well by family and by the carers who became his new friends. He was also content at home especially when his family was around him and friends came to visit. It was also frustrating at times but George showed such grit, strength and determination and a faith that sustained him. In the end George's body couldn't take any more.

George's faith was uppermost in his life and also foundational in that it molded his character and informed his principles which he firmly

Eleveneses

This is a new venture being set up by the Discipleship Group on Wednesday mornings at 11.00am in the Session Room. We hope this venture will start during September. This is an open invitation to encourage folk to explore and chat about discipleship in a relaxed atmosphere with tea/coffee. It is then hoped that anyone attending may then wish to join with other members at Delve in at 12.

Welcome Teams

Sunday, 11th September

Team Leader: Maggie Weir
Wilma Davidson, Anne Learmouth,
Lesley Aitken, Irene Bremner,
Carol Hamilton, Liz Riddell

Sunday, 18th September

Team Leader: Moira Gartshore
Matt Fleming, Margaret Jarvie,
Jean Kinniburgh, George Randall,
Ronnie Wright, Elaine McGuire

Sunday, 25th September

Team Leader: David Watt
Linda Francis, Margaret Jack,
Alistair Jack, Alison Sefton,
David Walker, Andrew Paul

Sunday, 2nd October

Team Leader: Irene Yates
Alex Anderson, Avril Cockburn,
Allison Gray, Beatrice Holden,
George Lowdon

Funeral Services

14 th June	William Gill
16 th June	Marjory Cox
23 rd June	Allan Gibson
28 th June	Margaret McCardle
5 th July	Karen Bell
7 th July	George Clark
11 th July	Robert Mudie
5 th August	William Parker
9 th August	Anna Robertson
15 th August	Charles Blades
15 th August	Fiona Adie
29 th August	Catherine Smith

Wedding Service

18 th June	Gayle Kinniburgh Colin Stein
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stood by in life. His faith sustained him especially during difficulties in life and he appreciated prayers said for him and shared with him. He loved worship. Even when he couldn't attend he'd listen to services and latterly watch online. He would attend afternoon communions when more able. He kept up with what was going on and Janet had to take notes at Session meetings to report back! Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Janette and the family.

Offerings

At its meeting on 5th September, the Congregational Board received a short report on the income and expenditure during this year to date. Offerings are the key financial measure for us, allowing us to meet our commitments to support ministry locally and nationally, as well as our own mission and maintenance obligations. Comparisons of income over time are difficult because of the Covid-19 pandemic which curtailed our buildings-based activities for part of the period. Having said that, at £86,578, our offerings from the start of this year to 31 August were slightly above the same period last year and thanks go to all those members who have continued to support New Wellwynd through their offerings. While, at this level we are able to meet all our recurring commitments, in comparison to our pre pandemic position, income is significantly lower, which is a longer term concern

Around 80% of our offerings comes from members who have set up a bank standing order in favour of the Church. There are many advantages from this, including the convenience of being able to support the Church even if you are unable to attend worship each week. We will shortly be making arrangements for offering envelopes for next year for those who do not have a standing order – if you would like to give by standing order, please speak to either David Walker or me.

For those who pay income tax, completing a Gift Aid declaration, is a welcome way to supplement the value of your offering, without committing to giving a particular amount. If you have not completed a declaration but would like to know more, again please speak to David Walker or me.

David Watt

Glasgow Street Pastors

Over the period when Covid restricted our teams on duty we sadly lost a number of our street pastors. We are now looking for people who might be interested in joining us, as either a prayer pastor in the safe zone which is within St George's Tron or on the streets of Glasgow itself, as a street pastor. I'm happy to have a chat with anyone interested in joining this very worthwhile organisation, which continues our life and work for the Lord.

Wilma Davidson

Nearly New

Now that we are up and running again we are looking for new/nearly new clothing and bric-a-brac, kitchen ware, toys, games or anything you may have. Unfortunately, we do not sell books, videos, DVD's, CD's anymore. Any donations will be greatly received.

Elizabeth Hannah

Baptisms

19th June Felicity Agnes Anna Durham
Elsie Hamilton

Thank you

Alison Reilly would like to thank Robbie, Carol and members of the congregation for their very kind expressions of sympathy, beautiful flowers and cards following the death of her late husband Tommy.

Janette and the family of the late George Clark would like to express their thanks to the congregation and friends for the kindness shown during his recent passing. Special thanks to Robbie for his spiritual comfort and support.

Janet Russell would like to thank the congregation for the beautiful church flowers she received following her short stay in hospital. They were very much appreciated.

Morag Scott wishes to say a sincere thank you to the congregation for the beautiful flowers she received from the church. Much appreciated.

George and May Murchison would like to thank everyone for the lovely flowers and cards received after George's recent stay in hospital. They were much appreciated.

Prayer Points

- Pray for the Minister, Kirk Session and Congregational Board as they prepare for a new session.
- Pray for the various working groups as they seek to develop the work and witness of the congregation around the four marks of mission.
- Pray for the Sunday Club and Bible Class, for all leaders, children and young people as they start a new session with the aid of new material.



2nd Airdrie Boys' Brigade

All sections of the Boys' Brigade will resume on Monday, 5th September 2022.

Anchor Boys 6 – 7pm
Junior Section 7 – 8.30pm
Company Section 7 – 9.30pm

Calling all ex members! Can you get in touch with us via our website, Facebook or by contacting any member of staff? We would like to present you with a small memento to celebrate our Centenary.

Jean Kinniburgh

Airdrie Probus Club

Airdrie Probus Club are a men's club who meet every second Tuesday in Cairnlea Parish Church Hall from 10am to 12noon. We welcome a variety of guest speakers throughout the year. A warm and cordial invitation is extended to new members or visitors to come along and enjoy a time of fellowship. The new session commences on Tuesday, 6th September. For further details please contact John Clydesdale on 07512912016 or john.clydesdale@hotmail.co.uk

John Clydesdale

Church Men and Skittles

Back at the beginning of July nine gentlemen from the church had a night out playing skittles at the Sheep Heid Inn through in Edinburgh. For most participants, including myself, it was a first and a great time was had by all. I don't think any skill was involved (certainly none on display), it was more a case of pot luck and wishful thinking as you launched the skittle bowl down the alley towards the skittles! There was no fancy electronic equipment to reset skittles or return bowls, all had to be done manually. Some gentlemen drew the short straw here! Mind you, a few light refreshments did help! After an hour of 'skittling away' we had to have a 'skittle off!' Take a bow John Holden who triumphed on the night! I will not embarrass the person who picked up the wooden spoon (he knows who he is!) After the skittles we enjoyed a nice meal together and put the world to right. Many thanks to Eckhardt who organised the evening.

It is hoped that as we move forward into the autumn and winter that we will be able to organise some similar nights/activities, providing an opportunity for guys from the church, no matter their age, to come together and enjoy a time of fellowship. Watch this space!

George Randall

School Uniform Appeal

Now that schools have started back for a new session we are still appealing for any re-usable (still in good condition) or new school uniforms. School blazers, shirts, polo shirts, skirts, trousers etc. will all be gratefully received. Any donations can be left at the church on a Sunday or a Wednesday. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Maggie Weir

- Pray for all of our youth organisations starting up that the vision of the leaders might have been refreshed in the summer and the enthusiasm of the young folk might continue.
- Pray for all of our adult organisations including the Snack Bar and Coffee Morning that these might continue to be ways of reaching out and encouraging fellowship.
- Pray for all young people preparing to start College or University, for those starting work and for those unsure about their futures.
- Pray for the work of the minister in the schools that the strong relationships already enjoyed with Rochsolloch and the Academy might continue to grow and offer opportunities to reach out and witness to the Gospel.

CAMEO

There will be a meeting of all members of CAMEO on Tuesday, 27th September at 7.30pm in the Session Room to discuss the way forward.

Jean Kinniburgh

Art Club

The Art Club which meets every Friday in the Upper Hall from 2.30 – 4.30pm has now resumed. New members will be made most welcome.

Gordon Waddell

Traidcraft Stall

It is hoped to restart the Traidcraft Stall during September 2022. We will be starting small with tea, coffee, biscuits and a selection of small bars of chocolate. As in the past your support will be greatly appreciated.

David Walker

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Kids' Corner

Lost and Found!

Have you ever lost something that was very precious to you? How did you feel? Have you ever found something that you had lost? If so, how did you feel when you found it?

Jesus once told a story about a man who lost something that was very precious to him. The story also told of the man's joy when that which he had lost was found. This is the story that Jesus told.

A man had two sons. The younger son asked his father to give him his share of the inheritance that he had coming to him. The father gave it to him, and the boy left home to go out and see the world and have some fun. The father was broken-hearted. He had lost one of his sons.

It wasn't long before the boy had wasted all of his money on wild living. He had no money to buy anything to eat, so he got a job feeding pigs. Can you imagine sloshing around in the mud with a bunch of smelly pigs? It was the worst job you can imagine, but he was so hungry that even the food that he was feeding the pigs looked good to him.

The boy looked around at the situation he had gotten himself into and said to himself, "My father's servants live better than this! I will return home and beg for the forgiveness of my father and ask him to take me back as a hired servant." As the boy approached his father's house, his loving father, who had been watching and hoping for his son's return, saw him coming and ran to meet him. He threw his arms around him and hugged him and kissed him.

The father was so happy that his son had returned, that he gave him a robe and placed a ring on his finger. He ordered his servants to prepare a feast. "My son was dead and now he is alive. He was lost, but now he is found."

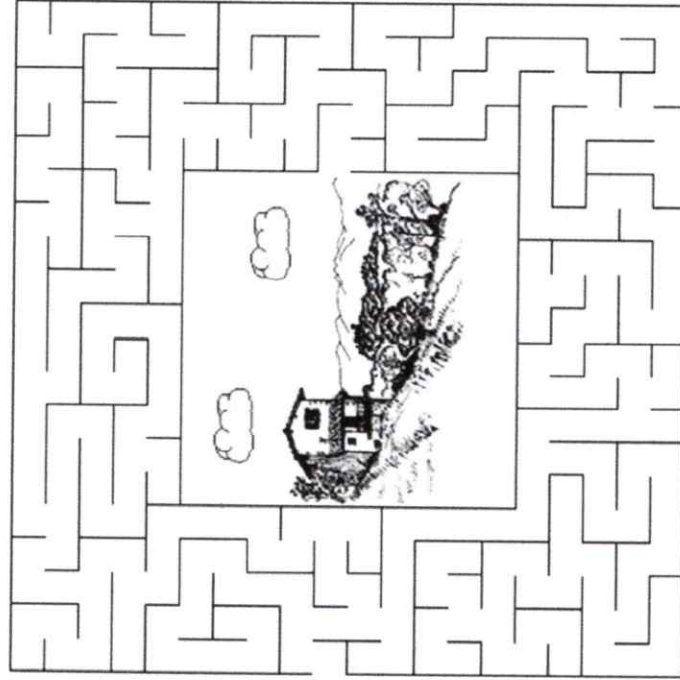
Jesus told this story to show the kind of love God has for his children. When one of God's children strays away, He always welcomes him with open arms when he returns home. Aren't you glad that you have a heavenly Father who loves you, even when you may not deserve it? I am!

Dear Father, we thank you for your unfailing love. We are thankful that even when we stray, you welcome us home with open arms. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



Lost and Found!

Help the Prodigal Son find his way home.



The Parable of the Lost Son
Luke 15:11-32

The Parable of the Lost Son



Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:23-24 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 15:11-32 (NIV).

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