

THE NEW WELLWYNDER

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From the Manse

Dear Friends

I knew that I was getting closer to being ready to return to work when I reached for my notebook and started scribbling some thoughts and reflections again. These vary from my own personal thoughts through to reflections of where we are as a congregation and the direction in which we are heading. The Kirk Session, like many Sessions across the Kirk, has been doing just that - reflecting on what a mission shaped church might look like and what it might mean for all of us in a shared vision for worship, work and witness.

Worship on a Sunday and a Wednesday is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on matters of faith and how we can respond in the development of the work that we do and the witness that involves all of us reaching out into a world that needs faith and, with it, hope more than ever. Worship gives that grounding that we need, both in our own lives and in the impact that it has on the lives of others.

Over the next few months, Sunday morning worship will involve all of us getting back to basics -

- What do we believe and why does it matter?
- How does faith impact on the decisions that we make in life?
- How can we respond to faith in faith?

The Emmaus Course offers the opportunity to ask such questions in a friendly environment to help folk grow together in faith in God and in friendship with others. Over the next number of months there will be an opportunity on a Wednesday, to explore a bit more, the theme of the previous Sunday. More details can be found in the accompanying leaflet, which your elder/district visitor will give to you.

Whether you are regular at church or not, an invitation is being extended to all of you, to come on a Sunday and take time to reflect on faith and response to faith, that we might grow closer to God in Christ and to each other, as well as grow in our understanding of what God requires of us, as individuals and a church.

*As a green bud in the springtime
is the sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness
'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance
of God's new and glorious dawn.*

May these words come to life in our lives and the life of the church!
Your friend and minister

Robbie

Forthcoming Services

Sunday, 5th February

11 a.m. Morning Worship
Restore the streets

Sunday, 12th February

11 a.m. Morning Worship
Choices

Sunday, 19th February

11 a.m. Morning Worship
All Age Thinking Day Service

Sunday, 5th March

11 a.m. Morning Worship
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Details of other services are to be found on the separate leaflet mentioned in the Pastoral letter.

Wednesday Services at 12 noon

Delve in at 12

Our midweek service on a Wednesday at 12 noon will continue during the winter months.

The service is followed by tea and coffee.

Funerals

6 th October	Martin Robertson
13 th December	Bill Cleland
10 th January	Mima Dalziel
31 st January	Tom Neil
2 nd February	Jimmy Stephen

Baptisms

8 th January	May Bell
	Fiona McGregor
	Charlotte Phillips



Mima Dalziel

We were sorry to hear of the death of one of our Elders, Mima Dalziel. Mima was latterly in Summerlee Care Home where she died peacefully on Christmas Day. Faith was the foundation on which Mima built her life - it kept her busy within the life of the church and also inspired a life where she sought to serve and make a difference. Mima grew up in Trinity Church and was no stranger to the creed, responses and weekly communion thanks to the minister, Cromarty Smith, whose photograph was on her gran's wall. She and her mum eventually joined the West Parish, now New Wellwynd, and was so supportive of her minister, the work and the union itself. She was a member of Cameo, sang in the choir, worked in the Snack Bar, served on the flower committee and was Child Protection coordinator. She served as an elder - faithful in attendance at meetings and caring and attentive when it came to her district. She served as Presbytery Elder for a time as well. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and those who became part of her family down through the years.

Give it a Thought!

As we move into a New Year you might want to consider and reflect on some of the following thoughts.

- **Treasure pleasant moments** – Isn't it comforting when you're lying in bed listening to the rain outside? Next time it happens, treasure the feeling. (Reflection Psalm 37:4)
- **Let God lead** – No matter what you are going through today, you can count on God to be with you. You can be sure he'll bring you through. (Reflection Isaiah 49:14-16)
- **Live to your conscience** – Comfort comes in knowing you've done the right thing, no matter what people think. (Reflection 2 Kings 22:2)
- **Watch where you are heading** – Some people are so fond of ill-luck that they run half-way to meet it. (Reflection Psalm 18:10)
- **Be assured** – Where there is sorrow there is holy ground. (Reflection Isaiah 35:10)

Phil Osopher/R Daly

A Thank You Letter from Santa

Hi there everybody and a very Happy New Year to everyone at The New Wellwynd. I have just returned from my holidays after a very busy Christmas schedule and have thoroughly enjoyed my wee rest! I am now catching up with things as I get back to work! I would like to thank everyone at New Wellwynd for organising such a wonderful Christmas Brunch at the church. I was delighted to be invited along to meet many boys and girls, who were only too willing, to tell me what they would like for their Christmas. Hopefully, I remembered everything and no one was disappointed on Christmas morning. I would like to thank Robbie the elf for his assistance, in helping to distribute Christmas gifts and to the many elfettes and elves, who worked tirelessly preparing and serving brunch and those behind the scenes who helped make the day such a success. Wishing everyone good health and happiness for the year ahead and I will see you all once again in December! Ho! Ho! Ho!

Santa Claus

Welcome Teams

Sunday, 5th February

Team Leader: Bobby Forrest
Fraser Gillespie, Mairi Mitchell,
Jim, Thomson, William Watson.

Sunday, 12th February

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

Sunday, 19th February

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

Sunday, 26th February

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

Sunday, 5th March

Team Leader: Karen Taylor
Billy Brooks, Janet Nimmo,
Tom Sorbie, Isabel Sorbie,
Wilma Davidson.

Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the family here at The New Wellwynd and the generosity of a congregation with such wide ranging gifts.
- Pray that God might guide you through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as continue to look forward in faith to all the plans God has made for us.
- Pray for discussions within congregations and between them in working towards a new forward plan for the church and churches.
- Pray for all uniformed youth organisations, especially the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides preparing for Thinking Day towards the end of this month.
- Pray for the work of the churches in the schools both at Rochsolloch and Airdrie Academy.



Oberammergau Diaries

The tale of the intrepid pilgrims continues.

Friday, 22nd July

Dong! Dong! Dong! The bells are ringing but me and my girl are not amused! I don't know what's worse, the ringing of the bells in your ears or looking at yourself in the mirror at 6am! Just got to get on with it! Showered and dressed a number of pilgrims gathered for morning prayers in the library before heading to breakfast. The early birds did breakfast first! Our reflection this morning was based on a passage from Mark 8: 31 – 38. Got us thinking about the day ahead, as we prepared to travel to Oberammergau to walk with Christ as he walks with us. Thought for the day: **"Those who walk with God always reach their destination!"**

After another hearty Austrian breakfast we loaded our overnight bags (and our packed lunches) onto the coach and departed Imst, for a two hour scenic drive to Bavaria in Germany and the town of Oberammergau. Denise our guide did not accompany us on this journey, so it was left to our party leader to provide a running commentary of the fauna, flora and scenery of the alpine landscape! Big yawn! On our arrival, we were met by our local guide Daniel who directed everyone to their accommodation as the group had to be split up. After getting checked in, we all met up again, for a mini tour of the town led by Daniel.

He informed us that the town located on the banks of the River Ammer has a population of some 5000 inhabitants. Apart from the Passion Play it is also famous for its woodcarving and for its painted houses decorated with frescoes. It is currently home to a NATO Training Centre which has increased its popularity. It is also one of the stops on the German Alpine Road tourist route. Its history dates back to the time of the Celts as there is evidence of battles between them and the Romans. In the middle ages a small farming community established itself in the area and with the foundation of Ettal Abbey in the 14th Century and the increase in trade from north to south the town was established. He also gave us some insightful information regarding the history of the Passion Play itself, helping to set the scene. He explained that towards the end of the Thirty Years War in central Europe there was an outbreak of the plague in Bavaria. The elders of the village of Oberammergau, in an effort to protect their village, decided to seal it off from outside contact. However an itinerant worker returned, bringing the plague with him, and it swept through the village. Whereupon the people solemnly vowed that, if God would show His compassion and lift the scourge, every ten years they would enact the Passion of our Lord. The plague left the village in 1633 and, as a perpetual thanksgiving and re-affirmation of faith, the villagers of Oberammergau have performed the Passion Play at regular intervals ever since. On our mini tour Daniel also introduced us to one or two family members who were part of the cast complete with long hair and beards!

After a wee break to enjoy our packed lunches and a light refreshment we gathered once again outside the open air theatre along with 4500 others! It was a bit like a school trip handing out tickets last minute before going through the gates and making sure everybody went to the loo before taking their seat! The first act would be two and half hours which is a long time to sit with ones legs crossed! The atmosphere both in and around the theatre was

- Pray for the personal witness of all Christians that through "gossiping the Gospel" more will come to a full knowledge of the love of God in Jesus
- Pray for new ventures being planned within the congregation and the parish.

Thank You

Nancy Vance would like to thank the congregation for the lovely flowers she received during here recent period of illness. They were very much appreciated.

Margaret Wallace would like to thank Revd. Robbie, the Flower Conveners and the Flower Team for their thoughtfulness in presenting her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers on the Sunday after the funeral of Mima Dalziel. Mima would have appreciated the sympathy shown.

May Mezzetti would like to express her grateful thanks to the congregation for the beautiful flowers received in December. Your prayerful support was also much appreciated.

Church Men

Board Games and Pizza

An evening of competitive fun

Friday, 17th February 2023

7pm in the Blue Room

No skill required

**Refreshments will be served
(Pies also available)**

**Come along and enjoy yourself
You know you want too!**

Entry fee £2 to cover costs

Primary School Quiz

Before Valentine's Day a few years ago, a primary school teacher in a local school asked her P3 class what their definition of love was. Here are a few of the responses:

electric with highly charged pilgrims from all around the globe waiting in anticipation for the play to begin. Then it happens, the stage fills with over 1000 villagers, including children – actors, singers and performers (as well as sheep, goats, donkeys and camels) all doing their bit to bring the Passion of Christ to life – WOW! Being in Germany, naturally the dialogue is in German and although you know the story it perhaps lacked a bit of edge. We all had a book with the dialogue in English but it was difficult to multi-task, read and look at the same time! Nevertheless, the visual impact was still immense and the musical score and choir were superb. Act 1 began with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and ended with him on the Mount of Olives.

It was now break time and people streamed out of the theatre back to their hotels and restaurants for their dinner! They were preceded by many of the cast who would be preparing and serving that dinner! In fact, the manager in our hotel was Pontius Pilate and two of the waiters were High Priests! After a very filling Bavarian dinner and a rather large stein of the finest German ale (perhaps not the best idea, when you have another two and a half hour sit for Act 2) we headed back to the theatre. There was still an air of expectation amongst this gathering of global pilgrims in further anticipation of what was about to follow. As the sun went down and night time fell it became very atmospheric and was so befitting of what was happening on stage with the trial and subsequent crucifixion of Jesus. The final scenes were very intense and whether you understood the language or not, you knew what was happening and many people shed a tear. The play ended to rapturous applause from the capacity audience. How wonderful it was to witness a 388 year old promise being faithfully kept by a whole community. Without exception the whole cast are born, or have lived in the village for twenty years or more. In addition to the 1000 cast members on stage another 400 are involved backstage in the choir and the orchestra. A truly remarkable effort and performance. Bravo! What a day it has been. It is now midnight, time for bed! Night!

To be continued

George Randall

Church mice

Karl Zorowski

A New Year is an opportunity to start all over again, greeting each new morning with these words - "Thank You, Lord for the gift of another day, help me to make the best of it!"



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Susie: "Love is when grown-ups put their faces together in a yucky way."

Johnny: "Love is when mummy leaves daddy his favourite piece of chicken for him to eat."

Mary: "Love is when grandad cuts granny's toenails for her because she can't do it anymore by herself."

Tommy: "Love is even when they fight, mummy and daddy still end the night with a kiss and say three magic words: I Love you!"

MORAL OF STORY: Seen through the eyes of childhood innocence, love is giving all you have to someone you care about - without expecting anything in return. Love is above all things: It is pure, simple and natural.

Happy Valentine's Day

Christian Aid

The New Wellwynd Choir and Church Organist are giving of their time and talents to host a concert in support of Christian Aid. "Musical Moments" is being held in the church on Friday, 24th February at 7.30pm. Tickets, priced £5 (including refreshments) are now available from Liz Riddell.

Your support for this event would be gratefully appreciated.

Liz Riddell

God's Valentine Gift

God's Valentine gift of love to us
Was not a bunch of flowers
It wasn't candy, or a book
To while away the hours.
His gift was to become a man
So He could freely give
His sacrificial love for us
So you and I could live.
He gave us sweet salvation, and
Instruction, good and true
To love our friends and enemies
And love our Saviour, too.
So as we give our Valentines
Let's thank our Lord and King
The reason we have love to give
Is that He gave everything.

Joanna Fuchs

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Let your light shine!

(Matthew Chapter 5: Verses 14-16)

The Bible tells us that we should let our light shine. Before our light will shine, we must be plugged in and turned on. We must be plugged into God's power supply.

How do you think we might "plug in" to God's power supply? (You can ask your mum and dad or your gran and grandad or your teacher if you don't know.)

When we believe in Jesus, it's like we're plugged into God's power supply. We can also plug into God's power supply by coming to church to learn about God and to worship Him. And when we read the Bible together, we are plugged into God's power supply.

What's a way you plug in that makes you feel close to God?

When we are plugged in, it helps us be close to God. And it also makes us shine like lights.

Dear Lord, we want our light to shine. We ask you to help us to remember that we need to be plugged in to your power and we need to be turned on for Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen.

Do you know the song – 'This little light of mine?' If not, I am sure a member of your family will. Get them to sing the catchy chorus. The words are below.



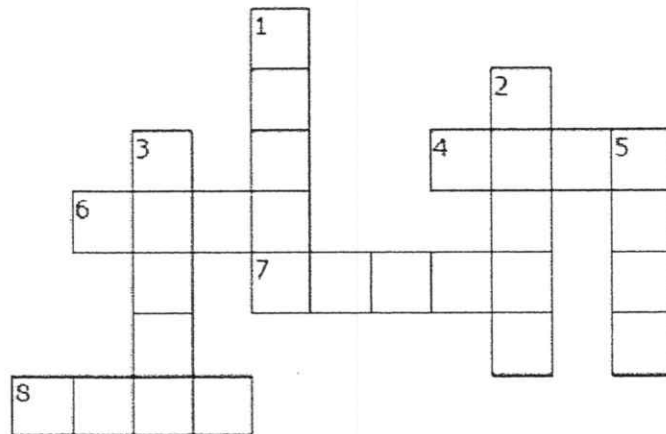
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

**Let Your Light
Shine**



Yes you can do it - let your light shine!

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

4. A dish that is used for holding fruit or liquids or for serving food
6. An elevated area of land smaller than a mountain
7. The performance of good acts
8. A large urban area where many people live

DOWN

1. All of the living human inhabitants of the earth
2. A place where families live
3. Any device serving as a source of illumination
5. A piece of furniture holding one or more electric light bulbs

DEEDS
BOWL

HILL
CITY

LIGHT
LAMP

WORLD
HOUSE



Plugged In and Turned On

Matthew 5:14-16

Word Search

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THE NEW WELLWYND PARISH CHURCH, AIRDRIE

Your invitation ...



through the

EMMAUS Course

to explore our faith together

from LENT, into HOLY WEEK,

PENTECOST and beyond...

EMMAUS Part 1 - Exploring the Faith Together

You are warmly invited to join us for Sunday morning worship at 11 a.m. as we explore the basics of the faith.

- What does it mean to believe?
 - What do we believe in?
 - Who do we believe in?
 - Why does it matter anyway?

The exploration of the theme will continue on a Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m. in a Study Group allowing time for your questions that together, we might grow in our understanding of God and our love for him in and through a relationship with Christ.

EXPLORING THE FAITH		
LENT 1		
Sunday, 26th February	Believe it or not	
	<i>Wednesday, 1st March</i>	<i>Believing in God</i>
LENT 2		
Sunday, 5th March	A God shaped space	
	<i>Wednesday, 8th March</i>	<i>We need God in our lives</i>
LENT 3		
Sunday, 12th March	Jesus - who do you say I am?	
	<i>Wednesday, 15th March</i>	<i>The life and ministry of Jesus</i>
LENT 4		
Sunday, 19th March	Jesus - a matter of life and death	
	<i>Wednesday, 22nd March</i>	<i>Jesus - his death and resurrection</i>
LENT 5		
Sunday, 26th March	The Spirit - God around us and within us	
	<i>Wednesday, 29th March</i>	<i>The Holy Spirit</i>

HOLY WEEK

Exploring the Faith: Decisions, Decisions

You are warmly invited to join with us at any of our services in Holy Week at 7.30 p.m. as we continue to explore our faith together and, as Jesus had decisions to make, we look at the decisions we have to make around him - who he is and what it means to walk the road that he walked as he walks beside us.

Decisions, Decisions
Monday, 3 rd April – To worship
Tuesday, 4 th April – To walk in the light
Wednesday, 5 th April – To follow
Maundy Thursday, 6 th April – To serve
Good Friday, 7 th April – To walk the way of the cross

EMMAUS Part 2 - Living the Faith Together

You are warmly invited to join us for Sunday morning worship at 11 a.m. as we explore our response to faith and in faith.

- How can we grow in our faith?
 - What does it mean to live our faith day by day?
 - What does it mean to be part of the church?

The exploration of the theme will continue on a Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m. in a Study Group allowing time for your questions that together, we might grow in our understanding of God and our love for him in and through a relationship with Christ.

Growing in faith / Living the faith		
Sunday, 16th April	The Word of Life	<i>Wednesday, 19th April Understanding the Bible</i>
Sunday, 23rd April	Opening up the way of prayer	<i>Wednesday, 26th April Understanding prayer</i>
Sunday, 30th April	The family of God	<i>Wednesday, 3rd May Belonging to the Church</i>
Sunday, 7th May	What does the Lord require?	<i>Wednesday, 10th May Living God's way</i>
Sunday, 14th May	The call to serve	<i>Wednesday, 17th May Serving the Lord</i>
Sunday, 21st May	The call to give	<i>Wednesday, 24th May Your money and your life</i>
Sunday, 28th May	The gift of the Spirit	<i>Wednesday, 31st May Sharing the faith</i>
Sunday, 4th June	Communion and Covenant Service - Learning to love	