

THE NEW WELLWYNDER

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From the Manse

Dear Friends

I am not long back from the General Assembly where I have been a commissioner. I usually go with a spring in my step, looking forward to the reports, discussions and catch ups but, this time, I wasn't so enthusiastic. There is much to concern us in the Kirk when we look at the statistics. There is much to trouble us when we hear stories of tensions within congregations and between them because of the prospect of a forward plan that will drastically reduce buildings bringing in light of the financial situation and the falling number of ministers. Yet, I came back encouraged because of what I saw and heard and experienced in stories of what the Kirk is doing and what people are doing. I came back encouraged because I am aware of the gifts of the people of God here at The New Wellwynd and the, as yet, untapped potential of many of you.

The church down through the generations has faced various crises and has responded with reformation - changes that have taken its people back to basics time after time because a crisis, as well as being a real lion to difficult times, can also be an opportunity to do something new and exciting. We are reacting to changing times and changing fortunes. We are also getting back to basics, which is, as a church made for mission - reaching out in Christ's name and in his love.

We have entered the Season of Pentecost when we reflect on what it means to be the church - a church open to God and his Spirit and open to each other in and through the work of that same Spirit. This is an openness to where God can lead us, how he can use us and, together, how lives can be changed as our lives are changed by the reality of God in Christ, who continues to make all things new.

A commissioner used the analogy of a song from "Oliver", "Reviewing the Situation". We do need to review but any review needs to lead to reform, a real change in our outlook (our thinking) and our moving out (our words being matched with action).

I have always believed in the potential of congregations such as our own, which is why next session we will be looking at how we can encourage a greater involvement in the worship, work and witness that make us who we are to bring us together and then send us out to be the powerful and loving people God has created us to be and called us to be.

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Forthcoming Services

Sunday, 11th June

11 a.m. Morning Worship
Love in action
Baby Thanksgiving

Sunday, 18th June

11 a.m. Morning Worship
Keep it simple

Sunday, 25th June

11 a.m. Morning Worship
Bursting to tell

Sunday, 2nd July

11 a.m. Morning Worship
Even a cup of water
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Sunday, 9th July

11 a.m. Morning Worship
It's no yoke

Sunday, 16th July

11 a.m. Morning Worship
Still sowing

Sunday, 23rd July

11 a.m. Morning Worship
Grow where you are planted

Sunday, 30th July

11 a.m. Morning Worship
Wait and see

Sunday, 6th August

11 a.m. Morning Worship
Teachable moments

Sunday, 13th August

11 a.m. Morning Worship
Lord, save me!

Sunday, 20th August

11 a.m. Morning Worship
Speaking up

Sunday, 27th August

11 a.m. Morning Worship
Who are you?

The challenges are great but we serve a great, big God who promises in his son never to leave us or forsake us. The potential is great in what we can offer as a community of faith to each other and to the community around us and beyond us.

Will you go? Will you step out together? I hope and pray that you will.

Your friend and minister

Robbie

Holiday Club - Fit for a King

Following on from the success of past Holiday Clubs we are delighted to present another one, **"Fit for a King."** We will be exploring stories about Jesus and what it means to follow him and help each other.

The club will run from Monday, 3rd to Friday, 7th July starting at 9.30am and running to 12 noon.

Please publicise this as much and as widely as you can.

To register a child/children please send us an email with details of your name and the child/children you are registering and the day/days they are able to attend. You will be sent a registration/consent form which we would ask you to bring with you when you bring your child/children along.

nwpc.summerclub@btinternet.com

For more information, call us on the following number between 9am and 12 noon Monday to Friday: **07596482556**

N.B. the above email address and telephone number can only be accessed from the middle of June.

Oberammergau Diaries

The tale of the intrepid pilgrims continues.

Tuesday, 26th July

DING! DANG! DONG! Yes, its 6am and so begins our penultimate day in Austria! Freda led our morning prayers in the library, where the theme was based on God being the solid rock, the foundation upon which we can depend and build our lives. Our reading was from **Micah 4: 1-4**. Surrounded by mountains it was quite appropriate! Our thought for the day was 'Make sure you stand firm on the solid rock!' After breakfast, we boarded our coach to head along the Inn valley to the Tyrolean capital, Innsbruck, with the now usual geography lesson en-route! Once there, we enjoyed a guided tour of this delightful city. We walked through the Imperial Gardens passing the State Theatre and Imperial Court Church, entering the old town bedside the courtyard of the Imperial Palace. Within the old town we saw the famous Golden Roof and Helblinghaus and I was scolded by the guide for not paying attention! (Too busy taking pictures – honest!) Eventually, after escaping the clutches of our guides we had a couple of hours to do our own thing. Many stayed within the confines of the old town itself finding a nice spot, a café, to enjoy a coffee, a sip of beer or wine and simply watch the world go by! Others, ventured down by the river, where the fast flowing waters of the River Inn proved a formidable sight or wandered along the main thoroughfare, The Maria Theresa Strasse with its many fine shops and clock towers!

Sunday, 3rd September

11 a.m. Morning Worship

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*There will also be a shorter celebration of Holy Communion on Wednesday, 6th September at 12 noon - "Delve in at 12".

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 summer months.

The service is followed by tea and coffee.



Welcome Teams

Sunday, 11th June

Team Leader: Elizabeth Robertson
George Lawson, George Grant,
Morag Stewart, George Murchison,
Una Lawson

Sunday, 18th June

Team Leader: David Gillespie
Christine Cassells, Christine Gibb,
Anne Grainge, Jim Neilson,
Jim Nimmo, David Paterson

Sunday, 25th June

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

Sunday, 2nd July

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

Sunday, 9th July

Team Leader: Moira Gartshore

Sunday, 16th July

Team Leader: David Watt

Sunday, 23rd July

Team Leader: Karen Taylor

Later in the afternoon, we continued on our day's adventure to the Cistercian Monastery of Stams. Here we had a guided tour of its magnificent Abbey. The high altar, situated at the far end of the church is where you find the most famous piece of art in the abbey. It represents the baroque tradition of putting a Tree of Life beyond the altar and was made in the 17th century. There are 84 gilded figurines harmonically arranged on a sky blue backdrop 19 metres tall, with a large Madonna in the centre and scenes from the lives of Christ and Mary on top. Among the other impressive attractions were the delicately painted ceiling frescos and stuccowork, as well as the wooden choir stalls, the ancient organ and the Tomb of Princes. After the customary visit to the gift shop, it was all aboard for our return to Imst. Once back at the hotel we had time to rest our weary legs before dinner (our last supper!) As usual, the more adventurous went for a swim although one young lady had to rescue her bathing costume beforehand, which had somehow, blown off her balcony onto a nearby roof!

We later enjoyed a lovely last night meal together before retiring into the bar for some late night refreshments. The rest they say is history! Night night!

To be continued

George Randall

Inspiring Summer Quotes

For many, summer is the best time of the year. With the warm weather and the sunny days, we can find many reasons to smile. Some of our finest poets, authors and philosophers have praised the summer months. So be inspired by some of their favourite summer related quotes:

- A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows! (St Francis of Assisi)
- The summer night is like a perfection of thought! (Wallace Stevens)
- In summer the song sings itself! (Carlos Williams)
- Summertime is always the best of what might be! (Charles Bowden)
- Some of the best memories are made in flip-flops! (Kellie Elmore)
- Summer arrives with the morning sun. Beach time breezes in with endless fun! (Debasish Mridha)
- Every summer, like the roses, childhood returns! (Marty Rubin)
- Smell the sea and feel the sky. Let your soul and spirit fly! (Van Morrison)
- There shall be eternal summer in the grateful heart! (Celia Thaxter)
- Now Simmer blinks on flowery braes, and o'er the crystal streamlets plays! (Robert Burns)

'Friends, barbecues, sun, sand and sea, now that sounds like - summertime to me!' Wishing all our readers a lovely summer. Take care, stay safe and keep smiling!

The Editor

It's always summer somewhere!

Sunday, 30th July

Team Leader: Irene Yates

Sunday, 6th August

Team Leader: Harry Shaw

Sunday, 13th August

Team Leader: Barbara Watt

Sunday, 20th August

Team Leader: Elizabeth Robertson

Sunday, 27th August

Team Leader: David Gillespie

Sunday, 3rd Sept

Team Leader: Bobby Forrest

Funerals

5 th May	Margaret Cowan
10 th May	Elizabeth Dickson
30 th May	Elizabeth McFetridge

Baptism

14 th May	Farah Kayleigh Fernie
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Wedding

7 th May	Rachael Martin and Gordon Davidson
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Thank You

May Bell would like to thank Robbie and her church family for the flowers she received. They were very much appreciated.



Prayer Points

- Pray for all going through difficult time with health at this time and pray for those caring for them.
- Pray for Ministers and Congregations of the Church following the General Assembly, the decisions made and the many changes around the Church and within the Church.
- Pray for the on-going work of the Kirk and celebrate the many good news stories that offer hope for the future.
- Pray for all young folk now waiting to hear of results of exams.

Give it a Thought - The Boulder and the Gold

There once was a king who decided to do a little experiment. He had a giant boulder put right in the middle of the street. He then hid near the boulder to see who, if anyone, would try to move it out of the way. First, some wealthy merchants walked by. They walked around the boulder, complaining that the king hasn't been maintaining the roads very well. Next, a poor man walked by, heading home with his arms full of food for his family. When he noticed the boulder, he put the food down and attempted to move it out of everyone's way. It took him a while to move it, but he eventually succeeded. After the poor man gathered up his food to carry on home, he noticed a purse lying in the middle of the road, just where the boulder once was. He opened the purse to find that it was stuffed full of gold coins, along with a note from the king saying that the purse's gold was a reward for the poor man to keep. The king gave this gift because the poor man had taken the time and energy to move the boulder out of the road for the convenience of others who would be traveling the road in the future.

The Moral: The poor man in this story was taught by the king that every obstacle you face offers an opportunity to improve. If you're able to push through moments that are challenging, you may end up being much better off than you were before you started trying. This story also offers a lesson of personal responsibility. If you see a job ahead of you, don't leave it for the next person to do. Rather, step up and get the job done to help the people who come after you.

Phil Osopher

Trust the Lord

This wee poem was written in the early seventies by a local chimney sweep called John (Sweep) McCabe. John who was a close friend of Airdrie legend Duncan Donaldson, became a night watchman in later life and like Duncan, found the Lord in later years. 'Trust the Lord!'

It's half past eleven oan Sunday morn
somewhere in Airdrie toon
Am a watchman in the Bell Street
an am haeing a wee look roon.

A see the guid folk wend their way
as I hear the church bells ring
an I wish that a wis goin wae them
tae worship Christ The King.

Tae talk tae God for wan short hour
it disnae seem much tae give
tae wan who gave his life fur us
fur he died that we might live.

An as He hung upon the cross
these words were meant for me an you
when he said dear Father forgive them
fur they 'know not what they do.'

So let us put oor trust in Him
so that when oan us He doth call
we'll be glad tae hurry hame tae Him
cause Jesus loves us all!

John (Sweep) McCabe



- Pray for those preparing to look to the future as many move on from school to work, colleges and University.
- Continue to pray for the preparations underway for the Holiday Club and all who will be involved in whatever way this summer.
- Continue to pray for the follow-on from the Holiday Club that we might continue to reach out and build up a relationship with them in the community around us.

Coffee Morning

Saturday, 3rd June was the last coffee morning of this session. We would like to thank all the helpers and everyone who supported us each month. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday, 2nd September when we will look forward to seeing you all once again. We hope everyone has a lovely summer. Thank you.

Irene and Mairi

Christian Aid

The recent Coronation Hunger Lunch raised £642 for Christian Aid. This includes £385 where the Gift Aid certificate was completed, meaning a further £96 can be recovered. Thanks to all who supported the event.

Liz Riddell

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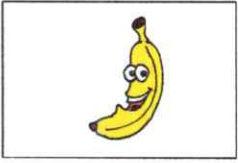
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Fruit of the Spirit

If someone offered you a black rotten banana or a nice yellow ripe one, which one would you choose? I bet you would choose the nice, ripe yellow one, which probably tastes yummy! Our life is like these two fruits. On one hand, we have people who do bad things and make us feel sad. While on the other hand, we have people who like to do good things, like help others and be nice to others. Which fruit do you think God wants us to be, the rotten banana or the ripe banana? God wants us to be good fruit. Paul writes to us in the Bible about the Fruit of the Spirit. He talks about the way Christians should treat others and how we should do things that make God happy with us! Paul tells us, the good Christian qualities God expects us to be.

Love: Christians show love by doing things for others and being nice to family, friends and pets. Remember, God says to love your enemies. That's hard to do sometimes, but it's what God expects!

Joy: This means being happy and not grumpy. It means don't be grumpy when your parents tell you to do something you don't like to do. The Bible says to obey your parents!

Peace: This is being content with what God has given us. Be happy with what you have.

Patience: This means not whining or complaining. Remember, have patience with your brothers or sisters (even mum and dad) no matter how hard that is.

Kindness: Is about giving and being helpful. How about saying something nice to someone who may be feeling sad?

Goodness: This means caring and understanding. Do a little something extra to help out at home.

Faithfulness: Is about being true to God. You know right from wrong. You know what God expects. You know what He says not to do. So, try real hard not to!

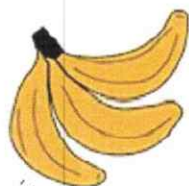
Gentleness: Is being tender and calm. Again, being kind to your family, friends and your pets.

Self-control: This is about managing your wants and emotions. Oh, this is a hard one! Don't do things that you know you shouldn't be doing. If you have to hide it or lie about it, don't do it. Be careful how you act. Be careful what you say. Be careful of the friends you choose.

Fruit, whether it's a banana or something else is good for you, it keeps you healthy and it reproduces more fruit. If you do things that are good for you, do things to be healthy and listen to what your parents and teachers tell you, then you are doing what God expects.

Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

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