

THE NEW WELLWYNDER

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Message from Eleanor

Dear Friends

I am absolutely delighted to be here at The New Wellwynd for my probationary period – my final placement before ordination. You have all made me feel so welcome.

I thought I'd give you a potted history of me and my life. I'm Eleanor and I'm 25 plus postage & packing! I currently live in Hamilton so not too far away. I live with my daughter Emma who works in a gym and is training to be a personal trainer, my mum and my very large, fluffy dog Miko, a Samoyed we rescued from Siberia, who as I type, is lying snoring at my feet – that is usually where he can be found.

Before entering training for full-time ministry, I worked for 21 years in HMRC. Latterly I worked in fraud, as a VAT inspector. My home church is Moncrieff Parish Church in East Kilbride where I have been since I was 15. I was a Sunday school teacher and bible class leader for 30 years (ooh giving the age away now) as well as being on the Board.

I studied at Highland Theological College which is part of The University of the Highlands and Islands and although I enjoyed my studies, I am glad it's over! I was never a natural scholar and as you've heard me say my report card would be 'talk less, listen more.' I have had placements in Jackson Church in Airdrie, the Presbytery Office and St Mary's in Motherwell. I have been the locum at Cambusnethan North for the last 9 months.

In my spare time, I am involved in a panto club in East Kilbride, I crochet and love musical theatre. I'm really enjoying my time with you all so far and I can't believe that as I write almost a month has already passed.

Lent is almost upon us, and as we embark on this Lenten journey, we are reminded of God's call in our lives. Just as Jesus called his disciples to follow him, we too are called to walk in the footsteps of Christ. This call is not always easy to discern amidst the noise and distractions of the world, but it is a call rooted in love and purpose. Lent invites us to pause, reflect, and listen attentively to God's voice speaking to us in the depths of our hearts. It is a time to re-evaluate our priorities, to let go of the things that hinder our relationship with God, and to make room for new beginnings.

In the season of Lent, we are reminded that God is the God of second chances, of new beginnings, and of endless possibilities. No matter how far we may have strayed or how many times we may have stumbled, God's grace is always there to lift us up and set us on the path of righteousness.

Having faith in God's promises requires courage and trust, especially when we are faced with uncertainty and doubt.

Forthcoming Services

Sunday, 4th February

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday, 11th February

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday, 18th February

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday, 25th February

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday, 3rd March

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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 winter months.

Sacrament of Holy Communion on the 6th March.

All services are followed by tea and coffee.

Welcome Teams

Sunday, 11th February

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

Sunday, 18th February

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

Sunday, 25th February

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

Sunday, 3rd March

Team Leader: Harry Shaw
Freda Gilchrist, Lynne Cartwright,
Lynne Thompson, John Clydesdale,
Maureen Patterson

Yet, it is in these moments of doubt that our faith is truly tested and strengthened. Like the disciples who ventured out into the unknown at Jesus' command, we too are called to step out in faith, trusting that God will guide us and sustain us every step of the way.

As we journey through this season of Lent, may we be reminded of God's unwavering love for us, His call to new beginnings, and the faith to trust in His promises. May we surrender our hearts to God's will, allowing His grace to transform us from the inside out, and may we emerge from this season renewed, refreshed, and ready to embrace the abundant life that God has in store for us.

I'm looking forward to continuing my faith journey with you over the coming months. God bless you all and thank you for being so welcoming.

Yours in Christ

Eleanor x

Deaths of Three Elders

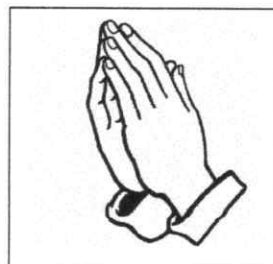
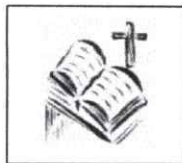
Sadly in the past two months three of our Church Elders Billy Grainge, Allister Jack and Willie Stein have passed away. Three stalwarts of our Church over many years and they will be sadly missed. We no doubt will all have different memories of each one. Personally, I can still see Billy collecting soft drinks cans for recycling with the money raised going to various charities or in his Santa Claus outfit at his annual visit to the Sunday School Christmas party. Talking of Sunday school, Willie was the main man for many years as the Sunday School Superintendent where he put his own professional skills as a teacher to very good use. Allister ever present in the choir on a Sunday morning worked diligently behind the scenes as the Church Roll Keeper and was my sidekick in producing the Church Magazine. Many happy memories indeed and they will be sorely missed. The one thing they all had in common was a strong faith and belief in the Lord Jesus Christ with whom they are now at rest. Our thoughts and prayers are with Anne, Margaret, Dianne and their families.

George Randall

Life

Life is but a stopping place
A pause in what's to be
A resting place along the road
To sweet eternity
We all have different journeys
Different paths along the way
We all were meant to learn some things
But never meant to stay
Our destination is a place
Far greater than we know
For some the journey's quicker
For some the journey's slow
And when the journey finally ends
We'll claim a great reward
And find an everlasting peace
Together with the Lord.

Anon



Funerals

Isabel MacArthur
Billy Grainge
Allister Jack
Agnes Climson
Willie Stein
James Jack Purdie

Thank you

Thank you for the love and support shown following Allister's death at the end of last year. Thanks too for the many cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy. Special gratitude to Bill Henderson and David Stewart for the Thanksgiving Service and to Jean and her team for the refreshments in the hall afterwards. Every blessing to all.

Margaret Jack

Dianne Stein and family would like to thank the congregation for the beautiful flowers received following the death of Willie. Thank you too for all the cards, flowers and messages of sympathy. To the many friends who managed to come to the funeral we are very grateful for the generous donations amounting to £500 which we are delighted to forward to the Myaware Charity. Willie suffered from Myasthenia Gravis for 30 years and this charity supports treatment and research into the condition.

Anne, David and Alyson Grainge would like to thank the congregation of New Wellwynd Church for the flowers, cards and kind messages of sympathy received on the loss of Billy. A special thank you to Bill Henderson for a beautiful service.

Christine and Robert Wylie would like to thank our Church family for all their kind thoughts, cards and flowers following the very sad loss of their son John.

May and Bert Wallace would like to express their sincere thanks to their friends and the congregation for the flowers, messages of support and prayers received during May's recent hospital treatment. Special thanks to Una Lawson for her many visits and calls.



BEATSON CONCERT SUNDAY, 25th FEBRUARY 2024 at 4.00pm

Robbie's dream was to have the RSNO in some shape or form performing in the New Wellwynd and this germ of an idea has come to life in partnership with the RSNO and the Beatson Charity. Robbie, like many is indebted to the Beatson for their care and expertise in difficult times.

This memorable, perhaps even once in a lifetime opportunity is taking place on the afternoon of Sunday, 25th February. The link below takes you to the RSNO website where you can purchase tickets online.

<https://www.rsno.org.uk/liveevent/beatson-bruckner/>

If you do not have access to the internet or would rather buy a ticket locally, tickets will be on sale at the Church on Friday, 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd February from 10.00am to 12 Noon and Saturday, 3rd February from 10.00am to 12 Noon.

Please do consider coming along and encourage family and friends to do likewise to enjoy an afternoon of top class music and support a good cause.

Thank You from Bill

I would just like to say thank you for David Walker's kind words on my last day with you, and for the book token you gave me. It was most generous and I really did not expect it. I think I would find a commentary on Genesis interesting and useful, so that will probably be my first purchase.

Although I was only at The New Wellwynd for two months, these were very enjoyable months and I will miss you all. You made me feel very welcome, and supported me in my daft ideas! For that I am truly grateful. While I had hoped to stay longer, God has plans for all of us but we usually don't know what those plans are. As I said on my last day with you, all we can do is to trust God and to go forward in faith.

Thank you again for all of your kindness, and I wish you well in whatever the future holds.

With every blessing,
Bill Henderson

Lenten Bible Study

A Lenten Bible study for the congregation has been organised over the five weeks commencing Wednesday, 21st February, between 7:30 and 9:00 pm under the leadership of Eleanor Hamilton. Each week's study will be based on material from "**Encountered: Meeting God in Ordinary Places: A Lent Course**" by Claire Benton-Evans. An invitation has been sent to St. Columba's and Jackson to join us. All welcome.

David Walker

Angela Gibb would like to thank the congregation for the beautiful flowers received after her recent accident. They were very much appreciated.

May Mezzetti would like to express her sincere thanks for the Church flowers that she recently received, The kindness and prayer support of the congregation is very much appreciated.

Senior Circle

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday, 6th February

Speaker - Stewart Bone

Tuesday, 20th February

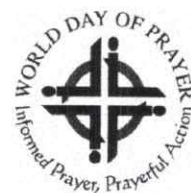
Speaker - Jim Nimmo

Tuesday, 5th March

Speaker - Rev. Alistair Weighton

We look forward to hearing what each of our speakers has to tell us and we also look forward to welcoming YOU. If you have a free afternoon on any of the above dates, come along any time from 1.30pm for refreshments, meeting beginning at 2pm with close at 3pm. All will be made welcome.

Liz Riddell



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, 1st March 2024
2.30pm

SALVATION ARMY
HALLCRAIG STREET
AIRDRIE

'I beg you to bear with one another in love'

ALL WELCOME

CAMEO

Forthcoming meetings of CAMEO include:

Tuesday, 13th February

Speaker – George Randall

Tuesday, 27th February

Speaker – Ernie Capocci

All will be made welcome.

Jean Kinniburgh



Christian Aid Scotland Gathering 2024

The Christian Aid Scotland Gathering 2024 will be held on Tuesday, 27th February at 10am. This year we'll be gathering from across Scotland on Zoom, celebrating the difference we've made together over the last year and getting ready for Christian Aid Week 2024 and the year ahead. We'll be hearing directly from Christian Aid partners working with survivor communities in Ukraine. Together, we'll learn more about how Christian Aid works with partners around the world, with time to ask questions.

We're also delighted to include exciting overviews of Christian Aid Week 2024, campaigning and community fundraising updates, and debuting a new video format to our opening reflection.

The gathering is always free to attend and is open to anyone interested in the work of Christian Aid. All are welcome.

Joining instructions are available on the Christian Aid Scotland Website. If you would like more information contact Liz Riddell on 01236 605824.

Liz Riddell

Narrative of Generosity and Relationships

The Kirk Session under the auspices of the Discipleship Team have agreed to a program in the spring of the year to look at the Narrative of Generosity under the banner of Relationships and what that means to us as a congregation collectively and individually. The team will be pulling together ideas for various events to be run post Easter - so watch this space as invitations will be winging their way to you all in due course.

David Walker

Standing up for Jesus!

Thinking back to my days working in Duncanrig Secondary School we had an elderly gentleman, Lennie who was part of our Chaplaincy Team. No matter when Lennie dropped in past, the first thing he would say to me was, "Are you standing up for Jesus today?" Ever since the very first time he said it to me, I have continued to ask myself the same question every day. What about you? **Are you standing up for Jesus today?**

George Randall



Maggie's Christmas Market

The Maggie's Cancer Centre raised the magnificent sum of £3850 at their Christmas Fayre held in the Church halls back in November. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to make this amazing total.

Maggie Weir

A Poem for Older People!

By I.M. Naeweel

I acquired this little poem a few months back and as we are still in the middle of the Burns Season I thought I would share it with you.

A row of bottles on my shelf
Caused me to analyse myself.
One yellow pill I have to pop
Goes to my heart so it won't stop.
A little white one that I take
Goes to my hands so they won't shake.
The blue ones that I use a lot
Tell me I'm happy when I'm not.
The purple pill goes to my brain
And tells me that I have no pain.
The capsules tell me not to wheeze
Or cough or choke, or even sneeze.
The red ones, smallest of them all
Go to my blood so I don't fall.
The orange ones big and bright
Prevent my leg cramps in the night.
Such an array of brilliant pills
Helping to cure all kinds of ills.
But what I'd really like to know.....
Is what tells each one where to go?

Useful Contacts

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Listening to God



Why do people use headphones?

One reason people use headphones is to hear something better. If it's noisy around you, you can put your headphones in and hear what you're listening to.

That's kind of what we need to do if we want to hear God speaking to us.

In the Bible, there was a little boy named Samuel. He lived at the Tabernacle serving Eli the priest. One night, God called to Samuel. "Samuel," God said. But Samuel didn't know it was God calling him. He thought it was the priest, Eli. So, he got up and went to Eli's room.

But Eli said he didn't call him, so he sent Samuel back to bed. God called Samuel two more times, and Samuel kept thinking it was Eli calling him. Finally, Eli figured out that God was calling Samuel. He told Samuel that the next time God called him, Samuel should say...



"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

God did call Samuel again and when Samuel said, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening," God talked to him! In fact, God talked to Samuel a lot after that. But he had to learn to listen to God's voice first.

It's the same in our lives. If we want God to speak to us, we have to listen for Him. We might not hear a voice as Samuel did, but we'll hear God speaking in our minds and in our hearts.

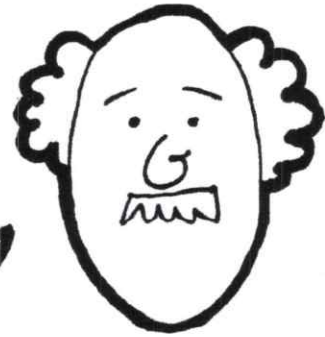
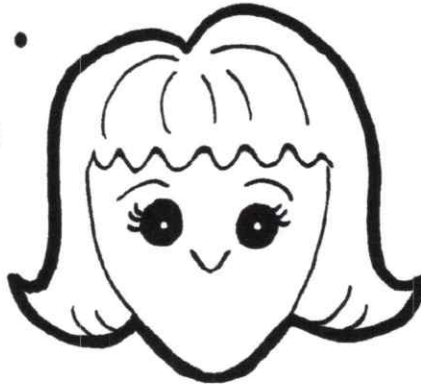
What do you think are some ways we can listen for God's voice?

We can read the Bible and pray and pay attention in church. God speaks to us through all of those things. And when we read the Bible or pray or pay attention in church, it's like we're putting our headphones on to listen to God.

Prayer

Lord, we want to hear from you. We want to hear you speaking to our hearts and minds. Help us to listen for and pay attention to you. Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

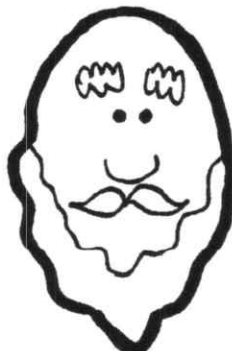
Like Samuel...



I will listen and



answer when God



speaks to me.

Add ears and a mouth to these faces.

We need to listen with our ears and then speak with our mouths about God and his love.