



THE NEW WELLWYNDER

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Message from the Vestry:

Dear Friends,

It seems like no time at all since we were celebrating Easter, which felt like it was in the midst of winter, and all of a sudden, we are now in the middle of summer (the cynics among you might say that the only thing that has changed is that the rain has replaced the snow).

As I mentioned in the last magazine, my wife and I were blessed with glorious sunshine in the month of May as we explored Scotland's North Coast 500. As we gazed on the magnificent scenery, I was touched by the beauty of God's creation; luscious green valleys, tall proud forests, gorgeous golden sandy beaches and free flowing freshwater rivers cascading down waterfalls that could sooth and mesmerise the troubled mind.

It reminded me that it can be easy to appreciate the presence of God when the sun is shining on our lives, but not so easy when we face challenges. It is one of the paradoxes of life and the mystery of God, that some suffer while others do not.

'God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfil his own good pleasure. And this is the plan: at the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ – everything in Heaven and on earth. Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.' Ephesians 1; 9-11

We are united in Christ, and as such, when we have strength we are to uphold those who struggle. This is especially true with regard to our prayers. Prayer is a powerful tool that sets us apart from society. It is a common thing to wish for sunshine on our holidays, or an A+ exam result when we have not studied; it is quite another thing to pray for the physical and spiritual wellbeing of not only ourselves but also for others.

We may not understand how God answers our prayers, but we can be assured that he hears them and it is incredibly humbling to know that someone is praying for you.

As members of the Church family of New Wellwynd Parish our brothers and sisters in Christ need our prayers (and they know it); our community needs our prayers (and they know it not), yet we are to pray nevertheless.

I commend prayer to you, not just at the end of the day but throughout. As we face challenges and as we witness the need of our neighbours, take time to pray and it will enrich both your life and the lives of those around you

Your servant in Christ

Les Brunger (Locum Minister)

'Character is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching'

Deferred Union – Update

Dear Friends,

As we begin a new church session this September, I wanted to share a brief update on the Deferred Union with St. Columba's. Both congregations voted in favour of the Basis of Deferred Union earlier this year, and the outcome was passed on to Presbytery in June. Since then, progress has paused while the church nationally reviews and changes the Vacancy Process. We have asked Presbytery for guidance on the next steps, and we hope to hear more following their meeting on 6th September. As soon as we have news, we will keep you informed. In the meantime, thank you for your patience and prayers as we continue on this journey together. Kind Regards

David (Session Clerk)

Celebrating 'The New Wellwynd' at 30!

This September, we are delighted to mark a special milestone in the life of our congregation – *The New Wellwynd turns 30!*

Over three special services, we will gather in worship, welcome guest preachers, and give thanks for all that God has done among us over the past three decades.

Our celebrations begin on Sunday, 14th September at 11:00 am with *Morning Worship* which will be led by **Rev. Fraser Penny**, now Minister of Dunkeld Cathedral.

On Wednesday, 17th September at 12:00 noon, our *Delve In* midweek service will feature **Rev. Anne Paton**, Minister of East Kilbride Old and Interim Moderator, as our guest preacher.

The celebrations conclude on Sunday, 21st September at 11:00 am with *Morning Worship* which will be led by **Rev. Robbie Hamilton**, now Clerk to the Presbytery of Clyde.

Each service will be followed by light refreshments in the hall – a chance to share fellowship, swap stories, and look back with gratitude while looking forward with hope.

Whether you have been part of the New Wellwynd story from the very beginning or are new to our fellowship, we would love you to join us. *All are welcome – and why not bring a friend?*

Please see separate invitation included with your newsletter

David Walker

Everlasting Love



On the 24th August, 1955 a young Airdrie couple 'tied the knot' in Airdrie Wellwynd Church. Fast forward seventy years and they are now celebrating their Platinum Wedding Anniversary. Many congratulations and best wishes to Nettie and Billy Dalling on their very special day.

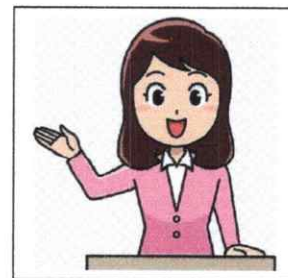
*'Love brought you together as husband and wife
giving you each other, a best friend for life!'*

Seventy years together is indeed a masterpiece of everlasting love.
Happy Anniversary.

New Wellwynd Senior Circle

Members and friends of the Circle have enjoyed being able to keep in touch during the summer with monthly informal gatherings, which were well attended. Now, we look forward to returning on Tuesday, 9th September for the 2025/2026 Session. We have a variety of speakers and activities lined up for your delectation and we look forward to welcoming friends, old and new. Below are the dates and speakers for the first half of the session.

9th September - Rev Les Brunger
23rd September - Diamonds in the Community
7th October - NL Active Age, Melanie Menzies
21st October - A Working Life, Bill McMullen
4th November - A Mystery Tour, George Randall
18th November - 'Up the Dancin' Summerlee
2nd December - Christmas Celebration



We hope some of the above will pique your curiosity and you'll join us for this new session. As usual the meetings begin at 2pm, on every second Tuesday, with doors open by 1.30pm for refreshments.

Liz Riddell

Harvest Church Flowers

We will be celebrating Harvest on Sunday, 5th October. Once again, we are asking the congregation to donate flowers. These will decorate the church and then be distributed to the housebound later that day. The Flower Team will be in the Crush Hall on Saturday, 4th October from 10 till 12 noon to receive your gift of flowers. Thank you.

Avril and Margaret

Thank you

Bill Clark would like to thank all for the lovely bunch of flowers he received recently. After enjoying watching the service online it was the cherry on the cake.

Isobel Sorbie would like to thank everyone for the lovely flowers and messages of support received over the difficult time she has had recently. All greatly appreciated.

Helen Smith would like to thank the congregation for the beautiful flowers received on her special day.

Alison Gill would like to thank the congregation for the beautiful flowers she received following the passing of her lovely Mum Margaret Gill.

Morag Stewart would like to thank the congregation and her friends within New Wellwynd for the flowers and many kind messages of support following the passing of her sister Betty Kennedy. Much appreciated.

Rhona and Linda would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, flowers, messages and telephone calls following the death of their Mum, Grace Speirs. They were very much appreciated by the family who were overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness.

George and Linda Loudon and family would like to thank the congregation for the lovely flowers received following the passing of Linda's sister Sharon in New York. They were most appreciated.

2nd Airdrie Scout Group

The Scouts started back on Wednesday, 20th August. The various sections meeting at the following times.

Beavers	Ages 6 - 8 years	18:30 - 19:30
Cubs	Ages 8 - 10.5 years	19:00 - 20:30
Scouts	Ages 10.5 - 14 years	19:00 - 20:30



We are also hoping to start up a squirrels section at the beginning of September.

Squirrels	Ages 4 - 6 years	18:00 - 19:00
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Our groups engage in a wide variety of fun, educational, and adventurous activities.

If you're curious about any of our groups or thinking about joining please get in touch via our group Facebook page **2nd Airdrie Scout Group** or Email SecondAirdrieScouts@hotmail.com

Jim Gray Scout Leader

Coffee Morning

The first Coffee Morning of the new session will be on Saturday, 6th September from 10.00am until noon. Looking forward to seeing you all then.

Irene and Mairi

Back to School!

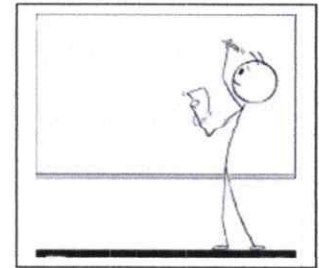
The school summer holidays are very quickly fading into the past as a new session gets under way. I well remember those days as a teacher returning after the summer break refreshed and up for the challenges that lay ahead! As a young teacher (a long time ago!) you would volunteer for many things and that included taking a Religious Education (RE) class or two! Believe me, they were challenging but nonetheless both enjoyable and rewarding. Although you had a curriculum or syllabus of sorts very seldom did you stick to it, I just went with the flow. Perhaps it was a survival technique! Anyway, whether it was a new fresh First Year or Fourth Year class full of very opinionated worthies you always got asked the same question, "Sir, what is the meaning of life?" I would reply, "That is a very good question, now let me explain!" Ten months later when I had finished (only one period per week) they wished they had never asked the question! But it gave me free scoot to deliver my programme! Back in the eighties, Christianity and the Teaching of Jesus was a central part of most schemes of work. Today, pupils learn about other World Religions and talk more deeply about moral and philosophical issues within an ever changing society and global community and quite rightly so. It was certainly less complicated back in the day! Talking of which, another question I was often asked, when I got started, "Sir, What is the Kingdom of God?" Again, I would reply enthusiastically, "What an excellent question!" You could hear sighs and a lot of heads would drop, as I went off at a tangent (Maths teacher remember!) However, that question is every bit as relevant today, as it was away back then. In Mark's Gospel Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God, but what does he mean?

The Kingdom of God could be described as follows: (From an old lesson plan)

- a society where God rules
- a place where death is overcome
- a place where diseases are cured
- a place where evil spirits are overcome
- a place where people find a home and shelter in difficult times

Its characteristics and values could be as follows:

- faith
- simplicity of a child/purity
- belongs to those who suffer
- love God and love your neighbour
- honesty/truth
- humility
- joy in others' achievements
- wealth and ambition must be sacrificed



The coming of the Kingdom of God (Mark 1: 14–15)

Here, Jesus says: *"The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"*

He meant that God's rule has come. As his ministry progressed Jesus taught his followers more about what this meant for their lives. Then the hands would go up with deeper more challenging questions that even a school Chaplain would struggle to answer! Alas, some divine intervention – the bell!

So there you have it, the first lesson of a new term – only nine months to go!

George Randall

Airdrie Probus Club

The new session of Airdrie Probus Club starts on Tuesday, 2nd September at 10am in Cairnlea Church. All are welcome to come along for an enjoyable couple of hours of friendship and informative talks. If you would like any further information contact John Clydesdale on 07512912016.

John Clydesdale

Art Club

The Art Club resumes on Friday, 12th September from 2.30 – 4.30pm. New members will be made most welcome.

Gordon Waddell

Church Notices

Morning worship every Sunday at 11.00am.

Sacrament of Holy Communion – Sunday, 7th September

Guest Preacher Rev. Fraser Penny – Sunday, 14th September

Guest Preacher Rev. Robbie Hamilton – Sunday 21st September

Harvest Thanksgiving – Sunday, 5th October

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



Delve in at Twelve - Wednesday Services at 12 noon

Our midweek services on a Wednesday at 12 noon will resume on the 3rd September and will continue during the autumn months.

Sacrament of Holy Communion – Wednesday, 10th September

Guest Preacher Rev. Anne Paton – Wednesday, 17th September

The service is followed by tea and coffee.

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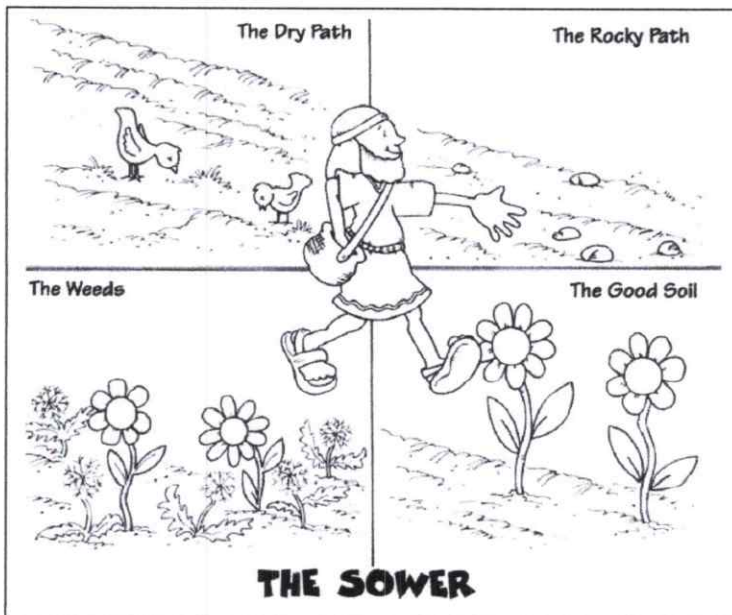
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Jesus tells a story.....



Jesus taught people many things by telling them stories. These stories were called parables. A parable is like an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. It is also a story that uses typical, everyday situations in order to teach important truths.

One day, He told a large crowd this parable. "A man went out to sow some seed. As he sowed it, some of the seed fell on a dry path. Birds came and ate the seed. Some seed fell on a rocky path. Not much earth covered the stones. The seed started to grow right away because it was not deep in the ground. But, when the sun began to shine, it was too hot for the new plants. They died because they had no roots. Some seed fell among weeds and thorns. The weeds grew up and made the new plants die. But some seed fell on good ground. The seed grew and the plants gave more seed. Some plants gave thirty seeds. Some gave sixty. And some gave a hundred and more."



Later that day, Jesus told his disciples what the story meant.

"People listen to the message about the kingdom of heaven. If anyone does not understand it, the devil comes along and takes the message out of their heart. That person is like the seed which fell on the dry path. The birds ate the seed before it could grow. In the same way the devil takes the word of God from our hearts before it can grow.

The seed that fell on the rocky path is like the person who hears the message and right away they are glad to hear it.

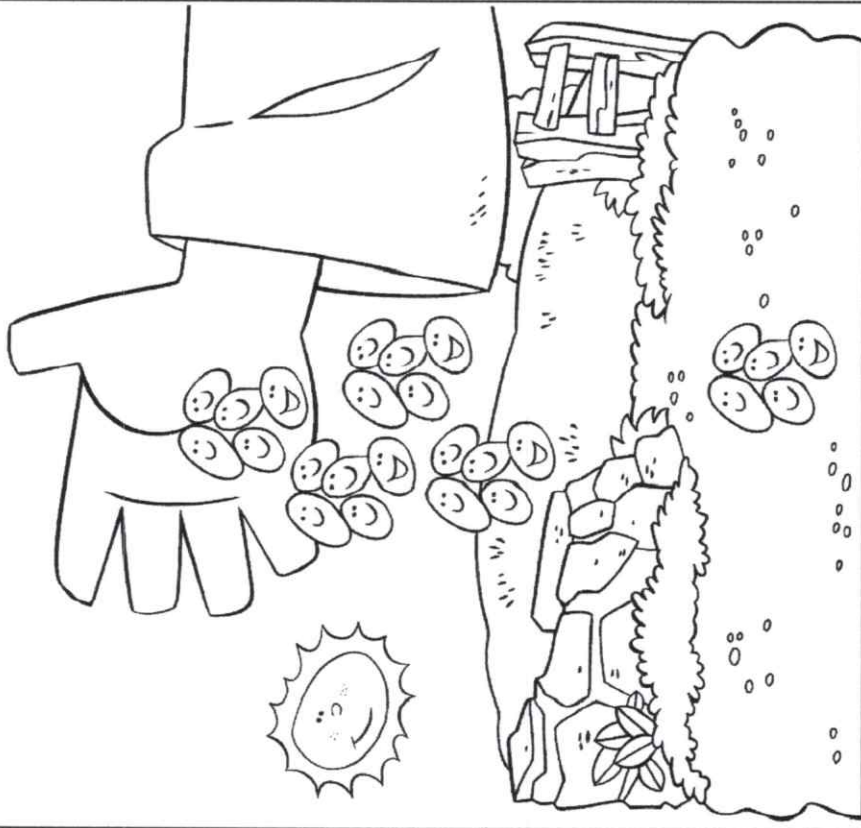
However, it does not go down deep in their heart and they only believe it for a short time. The rocks kept the seeds from having roots so they died. In the same way hard times cause people to give up on God.

The seed that fell among the weeds and thorns is like the person who hears the message, but thinks more about material things to make them happy. These things push the message out of their hearts. No good comes from it. The weeds and thorns choked the plants so they died. In the same way worry and desiring other things can choke our love for God.

The seed that fell on good ground is like the person who hears the message and understands it. Much good comes from it. The seed is able to grow as the good ground is well taken care of. In the same way we need to take care of our hearts so the word of God can grow in us.

When Jesus told the parable of the sower he used the story to explain that even though he preached or spread the Word of God everyone's reaction would be different.

The Parable of the Sower



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