

The New Wellwynder

November 2017

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Dear Friends,

Over the past few weeks we have been looking at "Holy Habits", the good practices we see in the early church, as they looked out for each other and looked out for those in the community around. Although we lament the changes in our town, there are still pockets of community where the church is still at the very heart.

A sense of community has always been an important part of the life of the church, from the time of the early church through the Reformation to today. Howard Rice and James Huffstutler have written extensively about the Reformed church and Reformed worship. The very first characteristic they recognised of reformed worship, despite its great diversity, is a focus on community. This can be taken as a focus on both the church community and the family of the church, and the community in which the church finds itself and is called to serve as a witness to Jesus Christ.

For the church community here at The New Wellwynd to develop and reach its full potential, what is needed is a full investment of the time, talents and money by all its members seen in your involvement in the worship, work and witness, as well as in the fostering of friendships and the building up of relationships. This is an area we need to continue to explore and develop together as the whole people of God. We are actively looking at how we encourage each other, especially those coming to us at this time. How do we accompany each other? How do we engender a sense of belonging, believing that belonging in many instances leads to believing?

We are a community and we are a family. We belong to each other as we belong to the body of Christ. In the time that lies ahead, as we need to look at building up our community and building bridges in the community within which we live. All of us need to consider the part we have to play and all that we can freely give to ensure the continuation of the advancement of Christ's Kingdom in this place. This prayer is a reminder, that being a Christian and being called by Christ into the fellowship, is not a spectator sport, but that it is going on a journey, when we are actively engaged in the full life of Christ and his Church.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,

No hands but yours,

No feet but yours;

*Yours are the eyes through which to look at Christ's
compassion to the world,*

*Yours are the feet with which he is to go
about doing good,*

*And yours are the hands with which
he is to bless us now.*

May God bless us and enable us to be faithful to our calling.

Your friend and minister.



SERVICES

November

12 10:45 a.m. - Remembrance Sunday.
Go Seek: Holy Habit of Fellowship.
All Age Service.

6:30 p.m. - Evening Worship
(Welcoming members of the Local Masonic
Lodges.)

19 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship:
Go Walk: Go and Make Disciples.

26 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship:
Go Settle: Dare to Dream.

December

3 11:00 a.m. - First Sunday in Advent:
What kind of Christmas?
A Hope Filled Christmas.
Sacrament of Holy Communion.
3:00 p.m. - Second Celebration of
Holy Communion.

FLOWER CALENDAR

November

12 Margaret Dalziel; Ann Wallace & Family.

19 Sheila Mitchell; Alison Reilly.

26 Janette & George Clark; Janet Russell.

December

3 Morag Stewart; Angela Gibb.

DRIVERS / FLOWER DELIVERY

November

12 Bobby Forrest.

19 Jack Milne.

26 Eleanor Murray.

December

3 Elisabeth Donald.

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Welcomed into Membership :

Mr. John & Mrs. Moira Neill (D.32).

Removed by Certificate :

Revd & Mrs. Alex Cunningham (D.65).

Baptisms : Ellah Mulholland.

Change of Address / District :

Miss Julie Allan (52) is now Mrs. Julie Smith.

Mrs. Margaret Riley from D.46 to D.64.

Mr. Ian Tart from D.18 to D.37.

Miss June Clark from D.18 to D.37.

Miss Kirsty Carson from D.44 to D.37.

Mr. Matthew & Mrs. Margaret Fleming
from D.24 to D.64.

BIBLE READINGS

October

- 1 Acts 2 : 44 - 45; Exodus 4 : 10 - 17.
 8 Acts 2 : 46; Exodus 16 : 1 - 8;
 Matthew 14 : 13 - 21.
 15 Acts 2 : 47; 1 Samuel 3 : 1 - 21;
 Luke 11 : 1 - 13.
 22 Acts 2 : 46; 1 Samuel 16 : 1 - 13;
 Luke 15 : 11 - 32.
 29 2 Timothy 3 : 14 - 17; Ephesians 2 : 1 - 10;
 Romans 3 : 21 - 26; 1 John 2 : 1 - 2;
 Romans 11 : 33 - 12 : 2.

THANKS

Margaret Lang would like to offer her sincere thanks to Robbie and Maxine for their visits and prayers during her stay in Monklands Hospital and the Congregation of New Wellwynd for the bouquet of flowers.

Lynn Cannon's family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Robbie, Maxine, the choir and our friends at New Wellwynd for their continued prayers and support. It is an absolute privilege to belong to a Christian family such as ours.

"The greatest victory in life is not often the healing of the body, it is the healing of the soul." -- Ravi Zacharias

Jerry and Evalyn Ferguson would like to say 'thank you' to all their friends at New Wellwynd for all their prayers and cards Jerry received after his recent operation. Also to Robbie and Maxine for their very enjoyable visits and for the beautiful flowers from the church.

Anne McFarlane would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers following the passing of her son Joe. Thanks also to Robbie for his pastoral support throughout this sad time.

Mr. Daniel King was delighted to receive the gift of beautiful flowers from the Harvest Service and wants to pass on his thanks to all members of New Wellwynd congregation.

Bert Hamilton would like to thank friends and family of New Wellwynd for the lovely flowers received from the Harvest Thanksgiving service. They were much appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson would like to thank the congregation for the lovely flowers received after the Harvest Service.

David and Roberta Gillespie and Family would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, prayers, cards and gifts, during Roberta's recent stay in hospital. Also thanks to Robbie and Maxine for their pastoral support.

Bill and Maureen Anderson would like to thank Robbie for his visit and also the congregation for the lovely flowers. They were very much appreciated.

Several others have expressed their thanks for the **Harvest Flowers** which have been much appreciated by all the recipients.

WELCOME TEAMS

November

- 12 Team Leader: David Gillespie

Christine Cassells, Matt Fleming,
 Christine Gibb, Anne Grainge, Billy Grainge,
 Jim Nimmo.

19 Team Leader: Jerry Ferguson
 Anne Learmonth, Shona MacDonald,
 Jim Neilson, Margaret Reid, Jim Thomson,
 Maggie Weir.

26 Team Leader: Mima Dalziel
 Isabell Gibson, Allan Gibson, George Grant,
 George Lawson, Elizabeth Robertson,
 Morag Stewart.

December

3 Team Leader: Barbara Watt
 William Edwards, George Murchison,
 Janette McGuigan, David Patterson,
 Andrew Paul, William Watson (Sen.).

CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

For the last 3 years we have supported the local Health Centres and Women's Aid charity by giving them all sorts of toys, books and games which have been very kindly donated by members of the congregation, and their friends. This year's appeal, which will start on Sunday, 5th November, will be for all ages, as before, 0-16 years. The gifts have to be new as per last year's guidelines. The appeal will finish on Sunday, 3rd December. Toys can be left in the same cloakroom area as the items for Home Comforts & Food Bank. Thank you.

MAGGIE WEIR

Food Bank & Home Comforts

The items for November are Tins of Custard and Tea Towels, and December items are UHT Milk and Washing-up Liquid (500ml size please).

In October, we collected 77 Tins of Fruit, 22 extras, and 222 Toilet Rolls!! If you have any spare change you would like to donate then the Little Giving Boxes are on the table near the organ in church and also at the front door. Thank you for your continued contributions.

TRAIDCRAFT

Thanks to all members of the congregation who have placed orders for Christmas Cards and other goods. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The Christmas Cards available this year are on display beside the Traidcraft Stall. There are still a few Sundays to go before the order closing date, so if you've still to order, please do so by 19th November to avoid disappointment.

The Traidcraft Stall continues to be available at the close of the morning service where stocks of all your favourites – biscuits, chocolate, teas and coffees are available, as well as other goodies that might make little gifts for Christmas.

Following our "Alive & Giving" Stewardship Programme in May, more volunteers have become involved in serving at the stall on a Sunday. I would like to say thank you for being willing to help. As a result of the additional volunteers, this means that each team is only on twice a year.

DAVID WALKER

LIFE & WORK

Life & Work orders for 2018 have to be with Edinburgh by 19th November. If you do not already take this

magazine and wish to subscribe, a sheet will be on the information table next to the organ on Sundays 5th & 12th November.

The cost for 12 editions is £30.00. Cheques should be made payable to New Wellwynd Parish Church.

DAVID WALKER

SENIOR CIRCLE

Our session continues on the 7th November when David Steven, a retired police officer, will be our guest. On the 21st November, we welcome Revd James Wilson. Our final meeting of 2017 will be on the 5th December with music from Margaret, Eileen and Bobby. All will be made most welcome.

ISABELL GIBSON

LADIES – A Warm Thank You!

On receiving an appeal from Rotary in Great Britain & Ireland, I earlier this year approached both the Senior Circle and C.A.M.E.O. with a view to their members knitting babies and young children's clothing for Syrian refugees. The result was fantastic and I now wish to convey the sincere thanks of both the Rotary Club of Coatbridge, Airdrie & Monklands and the Scottish charity, Edinburgh Direct Aid, for the lovely warm cardigans, sweaters, baby blankets, scarves and hats which were knitted by our members. In particular, I wish to thank Maggie Weir, Catherine Whellans and family, also the other unnamed ladies who so lovingly knitted the beautiful warm garments. I have been assured by David Reeks, International Deliveries Coordinator at Edinburgh Direct Aid that they will soon be sent to the Syrian refugee camps in the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon where they will be much appreciated. The onset of winter will, as always, be severe. Thank you once again ladies.

RONNIE WRIGHT

Church of Scotland World Mission – Postage Stamps!

A little reminder to everyone that we continue to collect used postage stamps to help fund the ongoing work of World Mission. As Christmas time is approaching and cards will be sent and received by many, don't discard the used stamps! Bring them along to Church on a Sunday morning and leave them at the front door or pass to Jennifer Milne.

JENNIFER MILNE

Scottish Poppy Appeal 2017 – 'Go the #ExtraMile!'

Buying and wearing a poppy helps fund their vital, life-changing support for the Armed Forces community. This year Poppyscotland are encouraging you to go the #ExtraMile in showing your support. Every extra penny raised for the Scottish Poppy Appeal will make a massive difference to someone who urgently needs their help.

- Be inspired by those they help.

Poppyscotland provides life-changing support to the Armed Forces community. They reach out to those who have served, those still serving and their families by providing vital practical advice, assistance and funding. Be inspired to go the #ExtraMile for this year's Scottish Poppy Appeal by the stories of those whose lives their fundraising helps transform. Listen to Andy's story at

www.poppyscotland.org.uk of how your fundraising can change lives.

- Be inspired by those doing amazing things.

Team Poppy is a growing army of individuals and groups who are going the #ExtraMile in their fundraising for Poppyscotland. They all know how important tin donations during the Poppy Appeal are, but they also know that by going the #ExtraMile and doing some additional fundraising, Poppyscotland will be able to reach many more members of the Armed Forces community who urgently need help. Some run, some cycle, some bake and some jump. All of them share two things in common. They all want to make a life-changing difference to the Armed Forces community and they all want to do that by going the #ExtraMile in their fundraising.

Thomas Bremner has raised more than £40,000 for Poppyscotland by doing lots of different challenges, including cycling from Fife to the First World War battlefields in France, then again to the battlefields in Belgium. Thomas also did a bungee jump in aid of Poppyscotland. Claire Smith decided to go the #ExtraMile by undertaking 17 challenges in 2017. Her final challenge, running the Loch Ness Marathon, was done in aid of Poppyscotland.

Rose Gentle's son Gordon was tragically killed while on active duty in Iraq in 2007. She has campaigned tirelessly on his behalf ever since, and went the #ExtraMile for Poppyscotland by facing her fears and taking on a zip slide across the river Clyde.

Janice McGeechan first organised a sponsored cycling event for Poppyscotland in her home town of Girvan. She then went the #ExtraMile by organising a triathlon for her colleagues at William Grant & Sons. Staff from across four sites came together and swam, cycled and ran their way to an amazing fundraising total of £4000.

Liz McKay organised two Poppy Mornings in her sheltered housing complex, and persuaded all her neighbours to come along and support her fundraising efforts. Liz has raised more than £1000 for Poppyscotland.

- Be inspired to go the #ExtraMile

If you have been inspired by those who help Poppyscotland and those who are already going the #ExtraMile, join them by going the #ExtraMile for the 2017 Scottish Poppy Appeal.

As we think of family members, friends, men and women across the globe who have sacrificed and continue to sacrifice their lives for each one of us to live in a peaceful world, let us all make the effort to go the #ExtraMile and give as generously as we can to this year's Poppy Appeal.

THE EDIT-

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ART CLUB

The Art Club meets each Friday from 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m. in the Upper Hall. New members will be made most welcome. Although we don't have a tutor there is always someone on hand to lend friendly advice. We look forward to your company.

GORDON WADDELL

Some words of Remembrance - You'll never be forgotten!

I'll always see your face,
The corner of your smile,
And all the little things that no one will ever know.
Like it was yesterday, won't ever fade away;

'Goodbye' is just a word that I will never say.
 You will never be forgotten;
 A million days could pass us by,
 But what is time but just a dream.
 Oh I still feel you here with me
 You're more than a memory.
 Oh you will never be forgotten;
 I cannot hold your hand,
 Or look into your eyes,
 And when I talk to you,
 It just echoes in my mind.
 But If hearts are made of dust,
 And if we fell from the stars,
 I look up tonight and know just where you are.
 And the world just keeps on going,
 It has no way of knowing
 That you're gone.
 You will never be forgotten;
 A million days could pass us by,
 But what is time but just a dream.
 Oh I still feel you here with me
 You're more than a memory.
 Oh you will never be forgotten.

J. ANDREWS

A prayer for peacemakers

History can inspire or trap.
 Walls can protect or divide.
 Words can encourage or inflame.
 Power can free or destroy.
 Touch can comfort or violate.
 Peace can be shared or withheld.
 Gracious God, at this time,
 when we remember past and present conflicts,
 we pray for the divided peoples of the world,
 that leaders, governments and each one of us
 may use our resources,
 our opportunities and our lives
 in the service of reconciliation,
 for the sake of future generations
 and to the glory of your name. AMEN.

Dance in the Leaves

It is an old memory. It may even be a dream. The older I get the more the two seem to merge together at times. I was a little boy and I was falling backwards. I wasn't afraid, however. In fact, I felt thrilled and safe at the same time. It was like I knew I couldn't be hurt. Suddenly, my back made contact with something soft but crunchy as well. I was falling into a huge pile of freshly fallen leaves. They were dry and had the wonderful smell of autumn about them. I fell further and further into the pile as the leaves flowed over my face and body. When I finally stopped all I could see was a few pinpoints of sunlight shining through my leafy covering. I smiled and started to half climb and half swim my way out of the pile. I could hear other kids around me yelling and laughing in the warm sunshine. They were dancing in the leaves, crunching them underfoot, and burying each other under them. When I finally got out of the pile I joined in. Then I looked up and saw the last butterfly of the season circling around looking for a daisy or dandelion to land on. It was such a glorious day in autumn that I wished it would last forever. Of course that day didn't last forever and as I grew up I became more afraid of falling and failing. I became afraid of this world with its anger, compet-

ition, and hatred. I became afraid of not having enough to care for myself and my family. I became afraid of not knowing what trouble or problem would come next. I let that fear separate me from God too. I was no longer the trusting and happy boy who had played in the leaves. It took me many years to regain that child's trust and wisdom and still be an adult. It came from learning time and again just how much God loves us here. It came from the realisation that this life is only temporary and that the love, joy, and light that awaits us are eternal. It came from learning that the only thing that really matters in this life is the love and kindness that we share with each other. I think that this autumn I may do a little playing in the leaves once again instead of just raking them up and throwing them away. This life, after all, is best lived in laughter, learning, love, and joy. This life is best lived with the trust and wisdom of a child. We are all God's Children. We are all on a journey to Heaven. And there is no reason why we shouldn't dance in the leaves along the way.

J. MAZZELLA

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for the follow-up to our Stewardship Programme held in May 2017 that it may produce good results.
- Pray for Poppy Scotland and all such organisations and charities which support ex-servicemen and women and their families.
- Pray for all who are serving their country at home and abroad in the armed forces.
- Pray for their families, anxiously waiting at home, many frightened to watch the news.
- Pray also for the Chaplains who support them in some difficult times.
- Pray for Messy Church within this congregation and beyond.
- Pray for all Christians who try to follow Christ each and every day of their lives. Pray for yourself that you might find ways to encourage others in the faith, and be encouraged in your own faith.

 We, "The New Wellwynd", aim to be a vibrant, caring, worshipping community of faith, which relates well to God, involving all members, with significant outreach to the wider community. (The New Wellwynd Parish Church of Scotland, Airdrie, is a registered Scottish charity allocated the Scottish Charity No. SC012944.)

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