

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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BAPTISM

"Go therefore and baptise"

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| 30 Mar | Ava Tony Tunilla Thompson |
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FUNERALS

"I am the resurrection and the life"

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| Mar | Robert Gartshore |
| 13 April | Elizabeth Maxwell |
| 27 April | Margaret Plowman |
| 1 May | Christina Brown |
| 10 May | Florence Crawford |
| 11 May | Flora Miller |

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FOR INFORMATION DURING VACANCY

During the period before our new minister is inducted please contact the Rev John Stevenson Tel: 01698 817582 for funerals and hospital visits.

ILLNESS OR HOSPITALISATION

It is vitally important over the next few months to use the Yellow Cards at the end of the pews if you know of anyone who requires a pastoral visit due to illness or hospitalisation. These cards can be left in the church office.

Nominating Committee Update

The Nominating Committee were pleased with the Nominee service day on Sunday 23rd April - the arrangements for registering and voting all worked well and we were delighted that the congregation backed our selection by overwhelmingly electing Rev Bryce Calder as our new minister.

The attendance on the day was fantastic and it is important that this is replicated at the Induction Service on Monday 26th June to show our support for Bryce so I would like to encourage all members and friends of the congregation to come along to the Induction Service and Welcome Social.

There are now a few administrative and practical arrangements to be made to formalise Bryce as the new minister which the Session Clerk is handling with Presbytery.

Now that the process is drawing to a close I would like to thank the members of the Nominating Committee for their hard work, resilience and good humour over the past 2 years - on the whole it has been a very interesting and fun process.

Thanks to the Session and members of the congregation for their prayerful support and patience as we worked in the background, often without being able to share fully what we were working on!

Special thanks to Arthur Barrie for his wise counsel as Interim Moderator - the best advice from Arthur was to be patient and wait for the right candidate - and this turned out to be excellent advice!

We now look forward to welcoming Bryce as our new minister and leading us in the next chapter of St Mary's history.

Stewart Maxwell
Convenor, Nominating Committee

You are invited

to the

Service of Induction

and

Welcome Social

for

Rev Bryce Calder MA BD

on

**Monday 26th June 2017 at 7 pm
St Mary's Parish Church**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The closing meeting of the year was held on Monday 3rd April which was the Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship. The meeting was well supported by a good attendance of the members, after reports from the Treasurer and President, the office bearers and committee were re-elected for 2017/2018.

President: Allan Joyce
Vice President: Bill Taylor
Secretary: Alan Joyce
Treasurer: Robert Colquhoun
Committee: Alex. Millar, Bill Hannah, John Crawford, Peter Ferguson, Cameron Dick, Howard Rennie.

The evening and session were brought to a fitting end when 4 of our members addressed the Fellowship on an evening entitled:

"On Your Own"

Fellowship Secretary Alan Joyce introduced the speakers:

Bill Taylor in his talk extolled the prowess of the world's worst poet one Walter McCorrisken, quoting from the dire works of the Poet!!

Cameron Dick took us through the travails of leading a visit with high school pupils to America.

Howard Rennie painted a picture in our imagination of childhood life in a house in Hamilton.

Alan Joyce gave us something to think about as he reminisced humorously on his time as a probationary Policeman.

At the close of another session we thank Secretary Alan Joyce for his efforts in booking speakers and ensuring they turned up on the correct night. Thanks also to

Treasurer Robert Colquhoun for once again looking after the financial aspects of the Fellowship. It is again of interest to note that, at 11 of the 24 meetings held, the speakers or entertainment came from folks who were either members of St Mary's or had strong connections with the congregation. As we prepare for next year we hope again to make use of the great wealth of talent found in this congregation. If you have something you could share with us Alan would be glad to hear from YOU.

Preparations are already well in hand for next year's syllabus, however if you have any suggestions for speakers or topics we would be glad to hear from you.

Allan Joyce
President



Download your copy of CrossReach News!

Issue 2 of CrossReach News in 2017 will be available from the middle of May. In this edition you can read about how befriending can help build bridges with families, follow 'Darren's Journey' from a life of substance misuse to now helping others, and 'Me and My Job' features support worker Natalie Moran from Threshold Glasgow. You can download CrossReach News at: www.crossreach.org.uk/resources.

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In the second last week of the session we welcomed the Rev Joanne Hood who spoke on our Theme: Be Bold, Be Strong - Go in Joy. It was indeed a most joyful evening as she spoke of joy in her life and had us all singing along to her guitar playing.

Same Difference singers, who are all members of Cambusnethan North Parish Church, provided us with a most enjoyable evening when they entertained us at our closing social.

We rounded off the session with our outing to Culzean Castle and Ayr on Saturday 13 May. Once again the ladies are all most grateful to Lyn Thain and Jean Mitchell for organising this annual event.

At our AGM new office bearers for next session were elected as follows:

President: Valerie Craig

Vice-president - Clare Mackenzie

Treasurer - Anne Gibson

Three new committee members were also appointed: Joyce Knox, June Graham and Marlene Thomson.

Funds raised during the year were disbursed to the Church, the Junior Church, Junior Choir and Dalziel High School Music Department. Our main project Prospects: All Friends Together benefited by £400.

At our final committee meeting of the session Valerie Craig, our new President thanked Myra Philip for leading the Guild so ably through the last 2 years. We now look forward to a break before the new session starts on Monday 2 October.

We hope to stream the Annual Event from Dundee on Saturday 2 September. Depending on numbers attending this may be held in either the Conference Room or Avon Hall. Look out for further information in the church notices nearer the time.

The Theme is Be Bold, Be Strong - 'Go in Love!' and is sure to be an uplifting, inspiring day of singing, learning and fellowship.

Isabel Johnstone
Secretary



TUESDAY CLUB

The Tuesday Club came to a conclusion with an afternoon tea for the ladies on Tuesday 25 April. Thanks go to Heather Greenhorn and Hazel Graham for their assistance. The session then ended with lunch at the Bentley Hotel on 2 May.

Many thanks to all who have given time to the Tuesday Club from its beginnings with Dr and Mrs Thomson.

It was good to have Mrs Thomson in attendance at both afternoon events.

Valerie Craig



6th B Brownies

There have been a busy few months in the Monday Pack, with various themed nights commemorating various dates - Burns Night, Thinking Day, Mother's Day and of course an Easter party.

Our theme has been Sun, Sea and Sand and we have made various crafts related to this, learned various facts, played suitable games and had various special snacks including fruit kebabs, donuts and ice-cream.

We have completed our Hostess Badge which our Brownies worked hard towards, culminating in a Mother's Day Beach party - when we invited our Mums, Grannies and Sisters to an evening for tea, coffee and cake, and Mocktails - which proved very popular with their "Secret ingredient". The Brownies then performed a Hawaiian dance which they'd learned for the occasion, and the Mums received a "Light" jar of sand with shells and decorations made by the Brownies themselves.



Our young leaders led an evening and their theme was a Carnival night when we had some games set up, for example - knock the tin cans down, throw the ball into a cup, spin the wheel, etc. They also made an eye mask. For refreshments they had candyfloss, popcorn and mocktails.



The Brownies are looking forward to working on the Wildlife Explorer Badge in the next few weeks, after which we will have a break for the summer.

6thA Motherwell Guides

The Thursday Guides' 50th Birthday preparations are now under way for the afternoon of Saturday 10 June from 12-3 pm. The girls are looking forward to meeting past friends, girls and leaders.



Already past members of the unit have been in touch wanting to be part of the celebration.

If you would like to be included email Jill Morrison on: jill83morrison@gmail.com or leave your details in the church office.

The 2 Katies from Thursday Guides can be seen below taking aim at the Archery Targets.



6th Guides

The Tuesday Guides have just returned from a weekend at the Girlguiding Scotland residential centre, Netherurd, in the Scottish Borders. There, along with 2 of the Thursday Guides, they had a fabulous time in the sun, taking part in drumming, archery, zorbing, and a scavenger hunt in the grounds.



One more unusual activity was hunting for gold in the Gold Mine installed in the grounds. A couple of the miners can be seen below.



Accommodation was in en-suite rooms in the beautiful Georgian house where meals were provided and craft activities took place. Crafts included mosaics, designing bags, door hangers and creating a huggy bear.

company section update

ATHLETICS COMPETITION

The last competition of the session was the sports and athletics and this was held at the end of April at Wishaw Sports Centre athletics track. The competition was expertly run by Mr David Gardiner and in a lovely evening of sunshine our team of athletes ran and threw their way to an excellent 1st place.



The Top Athletics Team

SPORTS & PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Our last parade night prior to the Battalion Review is also our company sports in the Duchess Park where we seek out our junior and senior sports champions. This year we have had such a run of good weather we have been in the park several Fridays in a row including the night of the sports. At the end of the night we held our presentation of badges and awards to the boys.

Our special awards - the Officers' Endeavour and the Captain Mathie Commendation - to

recognise the extra special efforts of 2 boys within the Company were presented to **Josh Greenhorn** (Officers' Endeavour) and **Callum Lingie** (Captain Mathie Commendation).

BATTALION REVIEW & FLAG CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual Battalion Review took place on Friday 12 May in Dalziel St Andrews Parish Church and boys, officers, parents and friends of the Battalion enjoyed an evening celebrating 100 years of the Junior Section. The guest of honour was Mr John Swinney, Deputy First Minister.

During the presentation of awards ceremony, we were particularly proud to have 5 of our young men receiving individual awards - more details further on.....

In the Battalion Flag Championship the boys won the Battalion Swimming Gala, Junior Football, Athletics and Physical Challenge and the Athletics and were runners up in 3 other competitions - Restricted Drill, First Aid and Senior Football.

All in all this resulted in us achieving second place in the Flag Championship to collect the runners up cup - a lovely way to round off another great Session.

Congratulations to 20th Motherwell Company (North Motherwell) on winning the Battalion Flag Championship for the second year in a row!

PRESIDENT'S BADGES

Four of our senior boys received their President's Badge at the Review: **Greg Friel**, **Finlay Holtz**, **Callum Smith** and **Callum Warnock**. This is the second highest award in the BB and involves completing the badge programme in 5 key areas: Adventure, Community, Leadership, Interest and Physical.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

The Battalion now runs a Duke of Edinburgh club to assist Companies in making the DofE available to boys. We are delighted that this year **Callum Lingie** completed his Silver Duke of Edinburgh and is now working towards his Gold.

QUEEN'S BADGE

The Queen's Badge is the highest award in the Boy's Brigade and requires the young men to make some demanding commitments during the course of the programme.

Callum Lingie is the only S6 Sergeant in the Company this year and is a very worthy recipient of the Queen's Badge. Callum has given a great deal of time both to the company in his leadership role in the Anchor Boys and also to the community over the course of the last 2 years. He has developed himself through the process and has had an impact in each of the areas where he has worked.

Completing the Queen's Badge programme is not just about getting the award (although it is a proud moment for us all!) and I am sure that Callum will see it as the foundation for even greater things.

The officers of 13th congratulate Callum on his achievements and wish him all the best for the future - when he starts as an officer next session!

COMING UP.....

We have the Company Section Camp as soon as the schools break for the summer and we are returning to our favourite campsite for the occasion - Badaguish in Aviemore.

We have 21 boys signed up to go supported by 10 staff and Mr Taylor our trusty chef and we have some exciting activities planned so it looks to be another great camp in the making!

THANK YOU!

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported the Company over the session.

To the officers in each of the sections who put in a great effort every week to provide an exciting and fun programme of events, to the parents who support their sons' involvement and to the congregation for its support collectively and as individuals - thank you!

Captain Stewart Maxwell



Our amazing turnout falling in at the Review.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 1 - Wed 5 July 2017
Company Section Camp

Friday 6 October 2017
Company Section Formal Start Back

13th Motherwell Boys' Brigade Company

St. Mary's Parish Church, Avon Street, Motherwell



junior section update

WE WON THE ROSEBOWL!

Ok, so I was probably meant to build up to that piece of news during the course of this article, but it seemed too exciting not to share it with you straight away.

The Junior Sections of the Motherwell and Bellshill District Battalion compete in a total of 6 competitions throughout the session and the company who performs best overall is awarded the Walker Memorial Rosebowl. The last time 13th Motherwell was awarded the Rosebowl was in 2006. So, yes, the tag line at the start of this article should probably have read "at last we won the rosebowl"!

The Walker Memorial Rosebowl was donated to the Battalion in memory of Lt Matt Walker, who several years ago was a 13th Motherwell BB officer. As a result, it always feels extra special when we are fortunate enough to receive the award.

This year marks the centenary of the formation of the Junior Section within the Boys Brigade. Therefore, it has been a really special year for our boys to have won the highest Battalion award for Junior Section.

The boys of 13th Junior Section have truly given their all at the battalion competitions this year. They came 2nd in the Bible Knowledge and won the General Knowledge, Football and Marching competitions.

The Football Competition took place on a very wet Sunday afternoon at the end of February at Ravenscraig Sports Centre. The torrential rain and stormy conditions did nothing to quell the boys' determination, enthusiasm and team work. They received Premiership-worthy coaching from Mr Greenhorn (specially drafted in from Company Section) and never lost a game throughout the whole competition, making them very worthy (albeit wet) winners.

The Marching competition took place a month later on Mothering Sunday at the end of March. The boys in the marching team and the officers in charge of the Marching (Mr McLaughlan and Mr Barr) had worked tirelessly on perfecting the marching paper over the weeks leading up to the competition. Their hard work paid off as the boys gave a polished performance with all 9 boys marching and completing drill in perfect synchronisation with one another - a truly impressive feat to watch.



Football team: Euan Blackwood, Ethan Phillips, Toby Ferrie, Dylan McMullan, Finlay Bradshaw, Zack Fleming, Gregor Johnston, Alex Maxwell, Callum Reid



Marching Team: Toby Ferrie, Euan Bowman, Finlay Bradshaw, Euan Blackwood, Alastair Cooke, Alex Hamilton, Gregor Johnston, Tyler Weir, Adam Shepherd

More recently the Junior Section boys also took part in the Battalion Juniors Centenary fun day and the Battalion review. They have their end of year prize giving and parents night on the 24th May and after that it will be full steam ahead for their very well deserved Junior Section Holiday Camp on the 16-18 June.

Stephanie Laing - Officer in charge

13th Motherwell Boys' Brigade Company

St. Mary's Parish Church, Avon Street, Motherwell



Our recent Anchor section awards night was quite a spectacle as family and friends watched 36 boys receive their well-deserved service and activity badges.

The Anchor programme covers body, mind, spirit, community and creativity and the P3 boys took to the stage to recount the activities, games and special visitors we'd had throughout the busy session which contributed to them completing the award scheme.

This year our squads were all named after superheroes and each week they earned points for sports, teamwork and behaviour. Our Best Squad award was won by Captain America.

Regular attendance awards were given to 5 boys who had missed only one or 2 nights throughout the year and Kyle Mossman and Luka Kinnear were proud to receive trophies for 100% attendance - that's 27 nights' attendance. Great commitment boys!



Kyle & Luka with their trophies

We spent the week before Armistice learning about The Highland Light Infantry 16th Battalion who were made up mainly of Boys' Brigade members.

The boys made decorative poppies for the church, tried on authentic uniform and designed their own medals. This work allowed us to award commemorative World War 1 badges to each boy during the awards night.

The inaugural award of the Crawford Cup, kindly donated by Sean Crawford, went to Jamie Reid. Throughout the session Jamie consistently demonstrated the true qualities of an Anchor Boy. Well done Jamie!



We wish our 13 P3s good luck for September when they join the Junior Section and look forward to welcoming our returning boys back to the Anchor Section.



If you know of any boys who would like to join the Anchor section and who will be P1-3 this August please do get in touch.

Junior Church

Easter fun...

The Children in our Junior Church enjoyed many Easter activities over the past few weeks. On Palm Sunday the children attended church with their families and on Easter Sunday, with a little sunshine outside, the children headed to the church grounds to take part in an egg hunt. After that the children enjoyed making an Easter basket. Our Kids Zone children were very busy in the halls designing an egg for the decorating competition ... some very creative ideas!

Following the busy morning of activities the children shared in an Easter Picnic.



Christian Aid Sunday...

On Sunday 14th May all our zones will take part in our Christian Aid Service. Our Junior church will enter church wearing red and carrying Christian Aid balloons and flags as they parade into church. The children will head to the halls to take part in many Christian Aid Activities. Following the morning service the in the congregation will join together for a lunch,organised by CAST.



Sunday 21st May...

On Sunday 21st May our zones will take part in a very messy and very busy morning organised by CAST. The children will have a chance to experiment with water filters, design their own fair trade chocolate wrapper, make a healthy snack, make milk shakes and learn of the difference a cow can make to a village, design their own houses not to mention meeting the hens!

Each child will hopefully leave the hall with a bag full of treats and crafts. This special morning, to **raise awareness** of Christian Aid will also help to raise money for this very worthy cause, as the children return their donation envelopes on the Sunday.

End of Session...

On Sunday 25th June our Junior Church Zones will be taking part in our worship. A number of our children will be promoted from the Kids Zone and Mini Zone. **Every** Junior Church member will also receive a certificate in church. We look forward to the Junior Choir sharing in the special family service to mark the end of another busy Junior Church session

Our Junior Church team...

At the end of another busy and fun filled session the teachers and helpers are ready to enjoy a summer break. We are very fortunate to have a large team of willing, energetic and enthusiastic teachers who week by week, prepare, organise and deliver exciting and creative lessons to our children. Our thanks to them all for their work each week.

Summer Sundays...

During the school summer holidays our children are invited to attend church with their families. The children will have an opportunity to meet informally for Summer Sundays. We will arrange for the children to meet in the Avon Hall. Weather permitting the children will head to the park, or have a dvd, games or craft morning. This will be supervised by the parents.

Enjoy the holidays..... let's hope we get some sunshine! A postcard will arrive early August with our new session details.

Karen Maxwell
Junior Church Co-ordinator



St Mary's Summer Club is back!



The ever popular Summer Club will be held every morning from

Monday 24th until Friday 28th July.

The usual mix of games, crafts, music and drama will entertain children of 3 years and upwards.

We are looking for adult and teenage helpers to help and share in the fun. If you are available to come along on any of these dates please contact:

Hazel Graham

or

Jennifer Bradshaw



Junior Church Postcard Challenge 2017...



Over the next few Sundays our friends in the congregation - YOU - may be away on a Summer break and we want to find out where you have been.

The Junior Church invites you to take part in our **Postcard Challenge**. The address is -

Junior Church,
St Mary's Parish Church,
Avon Street,
Motherwell, ML1 3AA, UK.

What we challenge you to do is **tell us where you've been!**

Maybe a day trip to Oban

Visiting family in Kent

Enjoying a weekend in London

Or somewhere exotic like the med! please let us know.

The Y Zone will display them to show where our friends have travelled to. We hope that this will help you to **keep our Junior church in mind** and in your prayers as you travel near and far over the next month.

Who knows we may even have a prize for the most interesting or farthest travelled card.

So please get posting - and take part in our Postcard Challenge!



FLOWER LIST

JUNE

4th Mrs E M Barr
Mrs W Burrell
11th Mrs L Thain
18th Mrs M Bimbi
Mrs Graham
25th Mrs M Jarvie
Mrs F Hannah

JULY

2nd Mrs E Blackwood
Mrs Kennedy
9th Mrs F Shearer
16th Miss L Clarkson
Mrs Galloway
Mrs Pritchard
23rd Miss J Moffat
30th Mrs A Ford
Mrs M Graham

AUGUST

6th Mrs M Dick
Mrs J Paterson
13th Miss J Pettigrew
Mrs G Neil
20th Mrs M Crawford
Mrs L O'Neil
Mrs M Roberts
27th Mrs B Hamilton
Mrs J Crawford



FORTHCOMING SERVICES

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| 11 | June | 11.00 am | Sacrament of Communion |
| 25 | June | 11.00 am | Junior Church Promotion Service |
| 17 | Sept | 11.00 am | Sacrament of Communion |

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| Monday | 7 pm | Service of Induction and Welcome Social |
| 26 June | | |

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| Monday - | 10-12 | SUMMER CLUB |
| Friday | noon | |
| 24-28 July | | |



June Graham - Flower Convener

