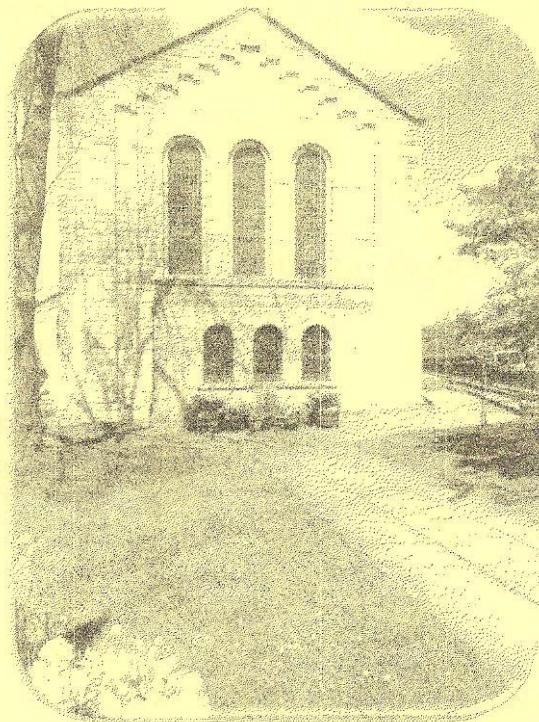


# ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

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## SUMMER 2016

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# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

## **BAPTISMS**

**"Go therefore ..... and baptise"**

6 March    Finlay James Smith  
17 April    Lewis Craig Niven

## **FUNERALS**

**"I am the resurrection and the life"**

7 March        Myra Luke  
7 March        Walter Brown  
15 March       William Anderson  
25 April        Agnes Shaw  
7 May           Thomas Philips  
1 May           Robert Reid

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### **FOR INFORMATION DURING VACANCY**

#### **BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS**

During the period before a new minister is appointed please contact the  
Rev Arthur Barrie Tel: 01698 261147 for baptisms and marriages and  
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.



### A Prayer from Bangladesh

O Saviour Christ,  
in whose way of life lies the secret of  
all life and the hopes of all the people,  
we pray for quiet courage to meet this  
hour.

We did not choose to be born or to live  
in such an age.

But let its problems challenge us,  
its discoveries exhilarate us,  
its injustice anger us,  
its possibilities inspire us,  
and its vigour renew us,  
for your Kingdom's sake.

(A procession of Prayers: Meditations and Prayers  
from around the World)

### KIRK SESSION SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Sunday 5 June 2016 2-4 pm  
in Avon Hall

Training run by Hamilton  
Presbytery Safeguarding Officer

Leaders of organisations are  
invited.

Names should be given to  
Heather Greenhorn.



Our CAST team have been very busy at  
their monthly lunch meetings planning and  
organising the Christian Aid events within  
St Mary's. This year they will be hosting  
the annual Messy Morning on Sunday 22nd  
May. **Children are invited to attend from  
10 am.** Donation envelopes from the zones  
should be returned on this date.



A letter of thanks to the Congregation  
from the Basics Food Bank





## THE GUILD

As the Guild session came to a conclusion in March this year we were grateful to the Rev Robert Kent who stepped in to fill a gap left by the withdrawal of a speaker. We were then privileged to hear the story of his life interspersed with music. This was a most pleasant evening.

Our Closing Social was an enjoyable evening when we were entertained by the Junior Choir, led by Marie Maxwell. The children were fantastic, entertaining us with a variety of songs and narrative. The children were followed by the Inbetweeners led by Karen Maxwell and accompanied by Lesley Niven who were brilliant as ever. We are lucky to have so many talented people in our congregation.

The ladies of the Guild enjoyed their outing to Edinburgh on Saturday 14 May. The main destination was the National Museum of Scotland, but a number also managed to find time to shop in Princes Street, visit the Scottish Parliament or the Palace of Holyroodhouse to view "Fashioning a Reign", a display of outfits worn by the Queen. The beautiful sunny day concluded with a meal at the Maitlandfield House Hotel in Haddington. The ladies are all most grateful to Lyn Thain and Jean Mitchell for organising this annual event.

We now have a break over the summer months before looking forward to a new session starting on 3 October.

Myra Philip  
President

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The closing meeting of the year was held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 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 2016 / 2017.

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

The evening and session were brought to a fitting end when Mr Robert Nimmo spoke on the theme of "Fellowship". Robert's presentation was as ever thoughtful and humorous.

At the close of another session without a Secretary I would express thanks to the members of committee for accepting responsibility throughout the year, contacting and confirming speakers and Howard for coordinating the efforts. It is pleasing to report that the task of secretary has now been taken on by Alan Joyce and we wish him well in his new role. 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 8 of the 21 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

## THE TUESDAY CLUB

The club held its first fundraising event on the 26<sup>th</sup> April, in the form of an Afternoon Tea and Gift stall. This proved to be a great success as everyone who attended the event seemed to have a most enjoyable experience and we raised £606.80. This money will be offset along with any grants received, against the total transport cost of £2000.00 for the year.

I'd like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone for your support, in buying tickets and goods from the Gift Stall and or giving a monetary donation, as well as those who so generously gave items to be sold on the stall. Many thanks, to the church secretary, Margaret McCloy for printing the tickets and posters for the event, which enabled me to advertise the event in all of the churches in Motherwell. In particular, I'd like to thank the members of the church who volunteered their services on the day. Those involved were: Linda Anderson; our new church Officer, Ian Beattie; Margaret Carrol; Peter Ferguson; Heather and Stuart Greenhorn; Jean Hunter; Jeanette Macpherson who provided the musical entertainment; Alan and Gordon Joyce; Eleanor Simpson and not withstanding of course, my 3 wonderful ladies, Margaret Barr, Joyce Conquer and Margaret Joyce, without whom, the idea of Afternoon Tea would only have been a pipe dream.

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of May we meet for Lunch in the Bentley Hotel as we stop for the Summer recess, during which time, I will make the new syllabus and apply for grants. Will keep you updated on the club's progress.

Valerie T Craig

## EVENT ACTION TEAM

The Event Action Team are happy to report that the 2016 Fellowship Quiz was a great success, held in the Avon Hall on 25 April. 35 teams enjoyed a night of fellowship, banter, excellent home baking and a very competitive fun quiz. The result was in doubt until the very last round, with 3 teams within 4 points. The quiz was won by "Two Plus Two", closely followed by Quiz veterans "The McBroons", "The Avengers" and "Lost and Found" shared third place. Thanks to all who attended, and everyone who helped with the running of the quiz. The Events Action Team will meet in the next 2 weeks to discuss the next event.



TWO PLUS TWO

### BASICS FOOD BANK (LANARKSHIRE)

Please continue to donate to this Christian Project which offers support to those who are at a crisis point in their life. It provides family and single packs of food items, non-perishables and a hygiene pack over a two-week period. All packs are given out on a referral basis to people living in our local area.

Donations can be left in the box in the vestibule of the church or in the cupboard in the church kitchen.



## THE CLEANING TEAM

The church cleaning team has been busy over the past months. As we head into the summer period our final meeting will be on June 13<sup>th</sup>. We are a cheerful band of workers and undertake all sorts of jobs - from light dusting to cooker cleaning, pew hoovering to floor polishing, there is a job for everyone! At each meeting we also enjoy a much needed coffee break with baking...and the opportunity to catch up and share fellowship together. It is so encouraging to have a team of 24 willing helpers, and a warm invitation is extended to anyone wishing to join us. (Bring your own marigolds!) Sincere thanks to all have been involved this year.



## THE INBETWEENERS

The Inbetweeners have enjoyed another busy session and are now enjoying a much needed summer break. We have welcomed 3 new members this year, and we were all delighted to welcome the new little arrival of baby Lewis Niven to Lesley and her husband Steven. We were very grateful to her very short maternity leave.. as Lesley was back at the piano when Lewis was just a few weeks old! Our weekly practises are a mix of learning new songs and enjoying old favourites as well as having time to catch up with friends. As well as performing at many morning services here in St Mary's we have also entertained a number of local guilds and fellowships. We have enjoyed sharing our music with others and ended our season at our own guild closing social. Over the year we have raised over £250 and this has been donated to the guild projects. We all look forward to a Wednesday, and no matter how long a working week we have had, or however busy a family day we have had we all always leave smiling...





Since the last report all the units have been working on their programmes, having fun and completing badges.

The 6th Guides completed the World Thinking Day Badge - Connect. They have learnt how making more positive connections matter. Learning what it means to feel truly connected. Connected to who we are, connected to where we are, and connected to the people around us. They are now able to wear the badge shown.



The girls have also created 2 new Go For It badges - Photo fun and Teamwork. Teamwork involved creating a board game and finding out the rules for games they have never played before.

The County Annual Event takes place on Sunday 22 May and 2 of the girls will be presented with the Baden Powell Challenge Award. Sophie Steeds and Jennifer Lowe have worked hard over a number of years completing 10 challenges, team working with other guides, setting themselves goals, developing skills and taking part in a residential event. Well done, girls.

The 6thA Guides have also been interested in board games and are taking part in the Big Board Game Day. On 27 May The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children is encouraging the public to set up their own game days to raise funds for the charity.

The Thursday Guide Unit is also thinking ahead to next year when they celebrate their 50th anniversary. Former Guides and Guiders are asked to look out any pictures they may have recording various guiding activities.

The 6th Rainbows have completed a new Rainbow Roundabout over the last 2 months. They have also made the most of the good weather with visits to the Duchess of Hamilton Park and playing parachute games in the church grounds.



The Rainbows celebrated Children's Day in Japanese style by trying origami and colouring Kokeshi Dolls.

The girls and leaders are looking forward to their trip with the 6thA Rainbows to M&Ds. There they will visit the Krazy Congo soft play arena where they can slide down a spiral chute, jump on trampolines, walk the rope walk or dive into the ball pit. At the end of the day 7 girls will jump the rainbow before moving on to Brownies after the holidays.

They are also looking forward to joining the rest of the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides at the Division Fun Day in North Motherwell Parish Church at the end of May.



13<sup>th</sup> Motherwell  
Boys' Brigade Company  
Centenary  
1915 - 2015



St Mary's Parish Church, Avon Street, Motherwell, ML1 3AB

## Centenary Fun Day

Early on a very wet bank holiday, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016, the excitement for around 100 boys in Motherwell was building over breakfast and the weather couldn't do anything to dampen it, no matter how hard it tried.

It was the day of the Centenary Fun Day - a day when all the boys from across all 3 sections of 13<sup>th</sup> Motherwell Company would travel to Carronvale House, the headquarters of the Boys' Brigade in Scotland, for a day of exciting activities to mark the end of our Centenary Session.

The advance party of officers had left Motherwell in pouring rain just after 7 am to head to Carronvale to meet the activity providers and get set up for the day ahead but by the time the boys were boarding the coaches at 9.30 am the rain had stopped and the sky was clearing.

Ninety-three boys, 23 officers, some helpers and some Anchor Boy parents and a few special guests all descended on Carronvale just after 10 am to start a day of very carefully planned activities that would excite and challenge the boys and that would undoubtedly create memories to talk about at the 125 anniversary!

The activities included a HUGE inflatable obstacle course, a surf board simulator, sumo wrestling, knock your block off, Rollapalusa cycling challenge, human table football, bungee run basketball, x-box zone, laser tag and team relays. The boys were divided into groups and moved round the

activities throughout the day with only a short break for the packed lunch provided by Carronvale. The weather stayed fair throughout the day and everyone had an absolute ball. Following our lunch we all assembled outside the front of Carronvale House and managed to get a wonderful photograph of the whole Company at the home of the BB in our Centenary session.

The coaches on the way back to Motherwell were full of what had been the favourite activity and who had managed to go the fastest on the bikes or who had fallen off the surf board first.....that is until 5 hours of activity caught up and people started to nod off (including the officers!)

Back at St Mary's the barbeque team led by chef Taylor had been busy preparing a feast so that when 130 tired and hungry 'fun-dayers' arrived back to be met by parents there were enough burgers to go round. The Avon Hall was packed and the parents were treated to a film of highlights from the day so that they could visualise just how much fun we had had.

A big thank you to the organising team of Alan Joyce, Stuart Greenhorn and Paul Bradshaw (any many many others!) for delivering the vision of the Centenary Fun Day - the photo of the whole Company in front of Carronvale House in our Centenary Session is another one for the 13<sup>th</sup> Motherwell history book.

Captain Stewart Maxwell

*Pictures can be viewed on the church website.*



## 13<sup>th</sup> Motherwell Boys' Brigade Company

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



# 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 - winning 9 out of 14 events.

### CENTENARY FUNDRAISING

On Saturday 12 March between 10 am and 2 pm our boys and officers were on bag packing duty at ASDA in Motherwell for our final Centenary fundraising activity of the session. Thanks to the generosity of the shoppers (and the quality of our packing!) we raised an amazing £846! This added to the £510 raised through the CD/DVD recycling and the £200 from ASDA for collecting the most green tokens sees our Centenary fundraising total smash our target at £1556. This was used to order our special Centenary hoodies for all the boys in all 3 sections of the company (which have yet to materialise due to the shocking performance of our local supplier....but that's another story).

### SPORTS & PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Our last parade night prior to the Battalion Review is also our company sports in the Duchess Park and this year the weather was nice enough to allow us to run the competition and seek out our junior and senior sports champions. 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's Commendation - to recognise the extra special efforts of 2 boys within the Company were presented to **Callum Warnock** (Officers Endeavour) and **Ross Mitchell** (Captain's Commendation).

This year's Captains Commendation presentation was extra special as a new trophy has been gifted to the Company by the family of the late Captain Tom Mathie and was dedicated as the '**Captain Mathie Commendation**'.

Tom Mathie was a lifelong member of 13th Motherwell. As an officer and then captain, he felt privileged to have a formative influence on the many boys who passed through the company. The traditions of company life were important to him and he wished the best for all boys. Using his experience of life, his strong faith and his many skills, he was able to encourage the boys to do their best in many different fields and was quick to recognise the efforts of all. He would be pleased to see this continuing today. It is fitting that this special award, in Captain Mathie's memory, will be presented annually to a deserving boy in the company.

### BATTALION REVIEW & FLAG CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual Battalion Review took place on Friday 6 May in The Kings Centre and boys, officers, parents and friends of the Battalion enjoyed an evening celebrating the impact of the boys (particularly the Queen's Badge boys) in the Battalion on their local communities and also the wider global Christian community. The guest of honour was Alistair Burrow, Brigade Vice President.

During the presentation of awards ceremony, we were particularly proud to have 13 of our young men receiving individual awards - more details further on.....

In the Battalion Flag Championship the boys won the Battalion Swimming Gala and the Athletics and were runners up in 6 other competitions - Squad Drill, Restricted Drill, First Aid, Junior Football, Physical Challenge and the Quiz.

## 13<sup>th</sup> Motherwell Boys' Brigade Company

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



# company section update

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 a fantastic Centenary Session.

Congratulations to 20<sup>th</sup> Motherwell Company (North Motherwell) on winning the Battalion Flag Championship!

### PRESIDENT'S BADGES

Five of our senior boys received their President's Badge at the Review: **Scott Clark, Greg Friel, Joshua Milne, Calum Shaw and Calum Stockman**. 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 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh and is now working towards Silver.

### QUEEN'S BADGES

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.

**Robbie Blair, Josh Clark, Christopher Graham, Ross Mitchell, Gavin McLaughlan, Reece McPherson and Jack Wilson** are all Sergeants in the Company and are worthy recipients of the Queen's Badge. These young men have given a great deal of time both to the company in their leadership roles and also to the community over the course of the last 2 years. They have developed through the process and have had an impact in each of the areas where they have 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 these outstanding young men will see it as the foundation for even greater things.

The officers of 13<sup>th</sup> congratulate on their achievements and wish them all the best for the future!

### COMING UP.....

We have the Company Section Centenary 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 26 boys signed up to go supported by 14 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 Centenary 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

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sat 2 - Wed 6 July 2016**

**Company Section Camp**

**Friday 7 October 2016**

**Company Section Formal Start Back**

## ANCHORS



Mr Murray addressing the boys and parents on the last night of the session

### END OF FUN FILLED SESSION FOR ANCHOR BOYS

The Avon hall is filled each Friday with some 30-40 energetic boys from Primary 1 to 3. The leaders, Gordon Murray and Alison Miller have a varied programme for the session and the boys have enjoyed many themed nights.

As a special treat for the end of the session the boys had an exciting visit to Motherwell Fire Station where they got to do some hosing before the Fire crews had to rush to an emergency call out!

At the recent closing parents evening Mr Murray commented on the boys efforts and good behaviour and congratulated them on their team work.

Then, in year groups the boys were presented with their service badges and achievement badges.

The current P3 boys also received a certificate of promotion and a BB water bottle as they move onto the Junior Section.

Squad 3 won the Best Squad award, a culmination of team points throughout the session.

Jack Sharkey won the best attendance trophy with Finlay Clark, Iain Robertson, James Mitchell and Jamie Reid all getting runners up medals.

Captain Maxwell ended the evening by thanking the staff team; Gordon Murray, Alison Miller, Ross Allan, Elaine Neilson, Lisa Mossman, Sean Crawford and Greg Weir for their efforts and enthusiasm during the session. Here's to session 2016/2017!





## UPDATE

Christian Aid Week 2016 began with the children of the Junior Church bringing a forest of red balloons into morning service and the Junior Choir delighting the congregation with their singing. The service was followed by lunch hosted by our enthusiastic young Christian Aid Support Team.

Each year, Christian Aid highlights a particular person or group of people in desperate need to be the focus of their publicity for Christian Aid Week. This year, they introduce us to Morsheda, who lives on a low-lying island in Bangladesh. She shares a single-room, corrugated-iron house with her four children.

She earns as little as 74p a day doing backbreaking manual labour. She has no savings. And because floods are a terrifying part of everyday life, she doesn't even have a safe place to call home. When the river levels rise, Morsheda worries that it might be like the worst time the floods hit. She remembers how desperate she was. How she hurried to build a makeshift raft for her frightened children. How they scrambled to safety as huge waves crashed against their house. How she prayed the raft wouldn't capsize as it tipped and plunged on the swirling waters.

'Morsheda and her children live a precarious life. They know that the floods will come again, and soon. But we can lift our neighbours like Morsheda to safety.

Just £250 is enough for a Christian Aid Home Safety Package. It could flood-proof Morsheda's home, raising it seven foot on an earth plinth, keeping her family safe at last.

It could also buy a goat, seeds and a wormery to help produce compost, so Morsheda could keep livestock and grow crops on the small patch of land around her home.

Christian Aid reports back on the change in the life of Loko, a woman in Ethiopia, featured in last year's publicity. Loko now has a cow and two goats which give her hope for the future.

Okoko has said 'I am very happy. It is difficult to explain my happiness. I believe my financial problems will change soon. I thank God. I pray to God to bless those who gave me the animals.

I was simply a daily labourer who had nothing. People did not respect me in the community. Somebody who has no animals has nothing. Now, because I have animals, the community members respect me. If I ask for help or request support, like for food or equipment, people will support me.

My dreams are my livestock. The milk from them will bring income to the family which will help me to realise my dream of feeding my children very well, dressing them and sending them to school. My other dream is to open a shop in the village centre and to have a business.

I am a member of the self-help group and it is a great privilege. Previously, I did not know about the importance of saving and credit. But now, I have started saving a little bit of money from the sale of fire wood. My saving will help me to get a loan from my group when I need it.

My children now go out and play with their friends. Before we received the animals they were seen as different because they did not have animals and people did not show them respect. They were afraid of going out and playing with their friends. Now, they can go out and play with other kids nearby our village as they are now children from a family who own livestock.

You gave me hope and confidence which helped me to gain respect from the community. For these all, my gift is a blessing. May God grant you good health and a long life.'

Margaret MacGregor



We all have favourite times of the year and Spring is mine. I love the rebirth of plants in our gardens pushing their way through the hard winter soil, the white/pink flourish that decorates our trees and, of course, land carpeted once again in a calming shade of green. New life gives us hope and that is something very precious to hold onto.

Our concert, held in Motherwell South Parish Church was in support of 'Light of the Amazon'. This project helps to fund a boat to travel along the Amazon River and reach areas that are often otherwise inaccessible. Provision of Bibles and other Scripture materials is supplemented with conducting medical and dental care to the riverside people. This raised the sum of £1,500 - an excellent amount.

Marcia Carneiro, who lives in the city of Sao Paulo is Communications Manager at the Bible Society of Brazil and visited Scotland in April. Norman Liddle, Community Fundraising Manager for SBS asked if he could bring her along to meet our Action Group. We spent a most enjoyable evening and learned a lot about her country. On her return back home she sent me an email expressing her thanks and wrote :

*"Knowing that there are people who are concerned with helping my people and my country moved me and made me very grateful. Furthermore, the affection you all showed me was really something special and unforgettable. I am very grateful to you. Once I got back to work, I met with my team and showed them a picture of you and said: These are people who are concerned with us and who have never been here in Brazil before. They were all so happy! We prayed for you and your families and thanked God for what you are doing."*

This expression of thanks goes straight to you all in our local churches. A big 'thank you' for supporting us in what we do.

On Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, we are holding our Sponsor Walk round Strathclyde Park. The project chosen is 'Iraq - Bible Based Trauma Counselling'. Almost every Christian family still living in Iraq has been traumatized in so many ways. They are suffering from depression and loss of hope. They are living in anxiety and under the fear of continuous displacement. The purpose of this project is to train Iraqi Christians in trauma counselling which would then allow this program to take place in the many traumatised communities, such as the Yezidis. Please give us your support for this project.

With every blessing,

Margaret Carrol  
Motherwell Action Group

# Junior Church News!

## **Christian Aid Sunday...**

On Sunday 15th May all our zones entered church wearing red and carrying Christian Aid balloons. The children then listened carefully to Dianne Green, Head of Christian Aid Scotland, as she talked about worms! She continued by explaining how we can play our part to help others. This theme of helping others was continued in the halls and the children enjoyed acting out the Good Samaritan. The service was enhanced by a super performance from the Junior Choir. The children returned on the following Sunday morning to share in the Messy day.

## **Promotion Sunday...**

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June our Junior Church Zones will be taking part in our morning 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 to mark the end of the session.

## **Summer Sundays...**

During the summer weeks our children are invited to join Sunday by Sunday with their families. A creche facility will be available in the coffee bar, and craft activities and dvd's for older children will be available, or weather permitting a trip to the park. This will be supervised by our parents.

## **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.

## **A penny for your support....and prayers**

The children, helpers, teachers and leaders of the zones have set themselves (and you) a June challenge!

They hope that over the next few weeks in June they will take a few minutes each day to think about the work of the Junior Church.

To think of the friends they meet, the stories they share, the songs they sing, the message that they learn and the fun that they have.

As they do this they are encouraged to stick a 20p on their sheet....this will help to fund the many activities the Junior Church offer to our children.

We hope that our friends in the congregation will give our challenge their prayerful support and should you feel " up to the challenge" why not give our youngsters a thought every day.....then stick on your 20p!



Karen Maxwell  
Junior Church Co-ordinator

"Let the little children come to me," Matthew 19:14



## **St Mary's Summer Club is back!**

The ever popular Summer Club will be held every morning from

**Monday 25th until Friday 29th 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



## FLOWER LIST

### JUNE

5	Mrs E M Barr
12	Mrs L Thain
19	Mrs M Bimbi
	Mrs M Graham
26	Mrs M Jarvie
	Mrs F Hannah

### JULY

3	Mrs E Blackwood
	Mrs Kennedy
10	Mrs F Shearer
17	Miss L Clarkson
	Mrs Galloway
	Mrs Pritchard
24	Miss J Moffat
31	Mrs A Ford
	Mrs M Graham

### AUGUST

7	Mrs M Dick
	Mrs J Paterson
14	Miss J Pettigrew
	Mrs G Neill
21	Mrs M Crawford
	Mrs L O'Neil
	Mrs M Roberts
28	Mrs B Hamilton
	Mrs H Brown
	Mrs J Crawford

June Graham - Flower Convener



## FORTHCOMING SERVICES



June	12	11.00 am	Sacrament of Holy Communion
	26	11.00 am	Junior Church Promotion Service
September	18	11.00 am	Sacrament of Holy Communion

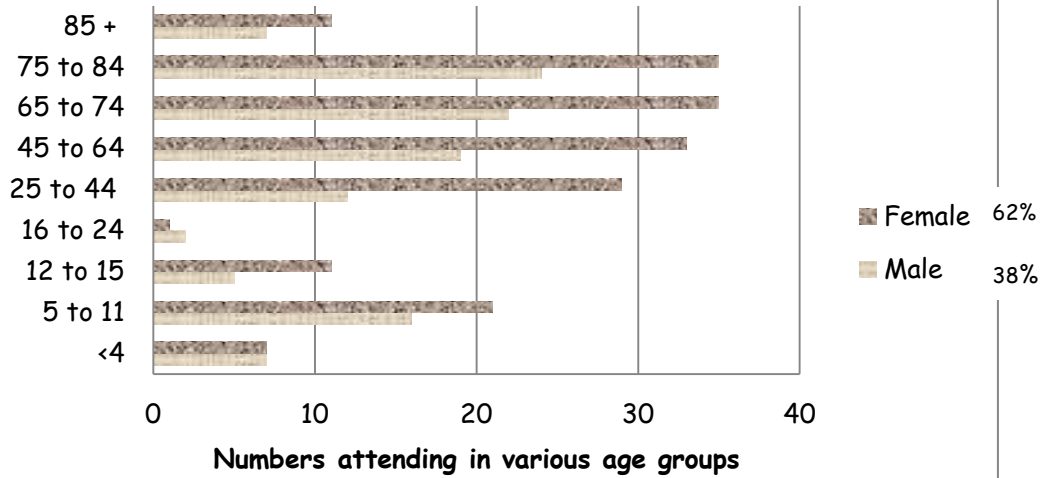
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25-29 July	SUMMER CLUB
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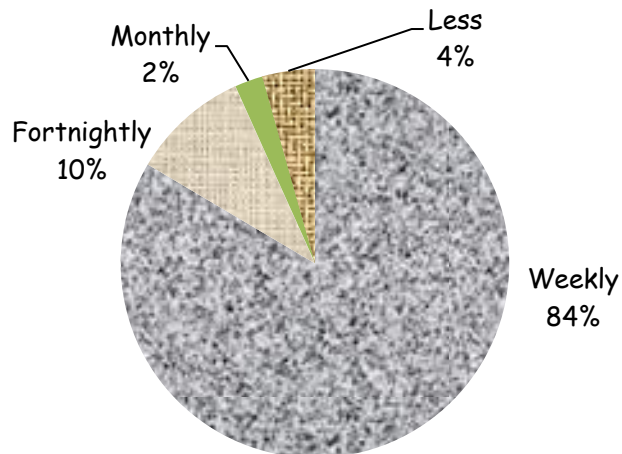


## RESULTS OF CHURCH CENSUS DAY - 15 MAY 2016

### Age range of 297 in attendance



### Church Attendance



### Years of coming to Church

