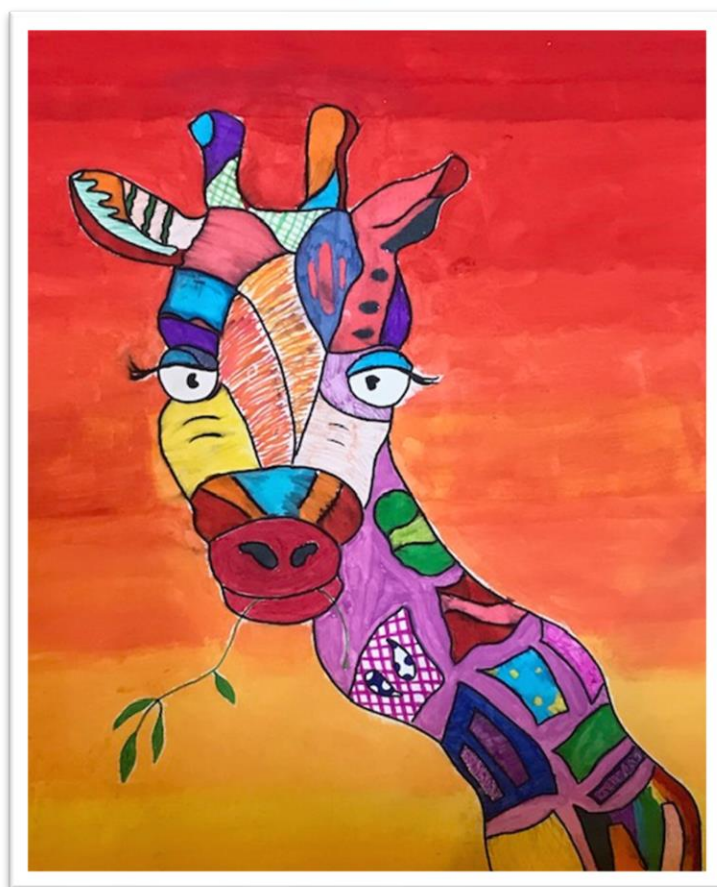


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Artwork from the Summer Club - All Aboard Noah's Ark!

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



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BAPTISM

"Go therefore and baptise"

31 July Lucy Mae Stephanie Muncie Germany

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FUNERALS

"I am the resurrection and the life"

2 June	Cherise Jean McMillan	Motherwell
22 June	Myra Morrison	Motherwell
24 June	Nan Walker	Motherwell
5 August	Richard McLuckie	Motherwell





Manse of St Mary's
September 2022

Dear Friends:

THE DEATH OF HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II

In the Summer Edition of our St Mary's Bulletin, I had the honour of paying tribute to Her Majesty The Queen who, on 6th February this year, became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms, and the Commonwealth.

To celebrate this remarkable achievement, St Mary's Parish Church held a Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea on Saturday 5th June and a Celebratory Service on Sunday 6th June. We then planted a new tree in the Church Garden in Her Majesty The Queen's honour.

It is with great sadness that I write this Autumn Edition of our St Mary's Bulletin, having just heard the news of the death of Her Majesty The Queen at Balmoral Castle earlier today.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II lived a remarkable life and achieved so much on behalf our nation and its people. She saw 15 Prime Minister's come and go and delivered 68 Christmas Day Messages. She enjoyed some remarkable and happy Jubilee Celebrations. She also, however, guided the country through some very difficult times - not least during the recent COVID-19 Pandemic. In a direct address to the Nation on Sunday 5th April 2020, the Queen spoke words of comfort and encouragement: ***"While we have faced challenges before, this one is different,"*** she said. ***"This time we join with all nations across the globe in a common endeavour, using the great advances of science and our instinctive compassion to heal.***

We will succeed - and that success will belong to every one of us."

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be remembered for many things. Not least, for her commitment to the Church and her own personal Christian Faith - which meant so much to her. In her Christmas Day Address to the Nation in 2014, she said this: ***"For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance, and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none."***

As we move into a Ten-Day Period of Official Mourning we, at Motherwell St Mary's Parish Church, give thanks for the life and love of our longest serving Monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. We also hold our new King, Charles III, and all the Royal Family in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

A Book of Condolence will be available to sign in St Mary's in the fortnight ahead. The Church will also be open to broadcast the 2 Services of Memorial for HM Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the large screen in the sanctuary - the first of these services will be held in Edinburgh Giles Cathedral and the latter at Westminster Abbey. The dates of these services are - Monday 12th [3:00 PM] and Monday 19th [11:00 AM] September. Please note that these times are currently approximations. Please refer to the news or social media for further confirmation. The church will be open for an hour beforehand, on each occasion, for people to gather in silent prayer as they arrive. I would respectfully request that people remain silent, as they arrive, to allow a spirit of mourning, honour, and respect in the sanctuary.

DRAFT PRESBYTERY PLAN

Enclosed, with the paper copy of the Bulletin, is a copy of the Draft Presbytery Plans for the Motherwell Area. As you will see, our Church Building is earmarked to be retained as a key centre for public worship. This is undoubtedly good news.

More difficult to understand, perhaps, is the Presbytery Planning Committee's desire for us to enter into a Union with 5 other local congregations: North Motherwell, Crosshill, Motherwell South, St Margaret's, and Craigneuk and Belhaven. At a special Kirk Session held to discuss the Draft Plan there was no great enthusiasm for the idea of a multiple Union.

Dalziel St Andrew's would be in a separate Union with Newarthill and Carfin Parish Church.

A meeting with the Presbytery Planning Groups, to ask questions of the Draft Plan and to make alternative suggestions, was due to be held on the evening of Thursday 8th September. The Session Clerks, Jennifer Bradshaw, and I were the nominated representatives of our Kirk Session to attend this meeting. Due to the sad news of the death of the Queen, however, the meeting correctly was cancelled. A new date for this meeting is set for Tuesday 20th September at 7.00 pm. After this meeting the Kirk Session is due to meet again to make a formal written response to the Draft Presbytery Plan by October 3rd.

Please pray for all involved in this important process including the Presbytery Planning Team and our own Kirk Session.

If you have any questions about the Draft Presbytery Plan, please let me know and I will do my best to provide and answer.

CHURCH PRAYER CHAIN

I am delighted to say that our new Church Prayer Chain, which was launched earlier this year, is continuing to provide a real blessing to the congregation.

If you wish to be a part of the Prayer Chain all you need to do is to contact me and pass on your e-mail address.

Each Wednesday evening a list of prayer points is e-mailed out to all those on the chain. You can then pray through these points at your leisure. The prayer points are a mixture of requests from the congregation as well as more general items.

If you wish to submit a prayer request, you can write that request on a Prayer Card and place it in one of the secure Prayer Boxes at the Church Vestibule and Hall Entrance. Alternatively, you can e-mail or call myself and I will be happy to add your request.

STUDENT MINISTERS

One of my favourite tasks in Ministry is being entrusted by the Faith Nurture Committee at 121 to supervise Students in Training for the Ministry. I have had this privilege now for 20 years.

In recent years, in St Mary's Parish Church, it has been a joy to supervise some high-quality students who, I know, will go on to make fantastic Parish Ministers and OLM's.

It was sad to say goodbye to Dawn Westwood on Sunday 4th September. It was a real pleasure to work with her over the Summer. Dawn's Summer Placement was a ten-week full-time one and she had the opportunity to be involved in many aspects of our congregational life. I know that she touched many lives during her short time with us.

On Harvest Sunday [Sunday 2nd October], we will be joined by a new Student in Training for the Full-Time Ministry of Word and Sacrament within the Church of Scotland. Her name is Eleanor Hamilton. I am very much looking forward to Eleanor starting training with me and am sure she will receive a warm welcome at St Mary's Parish Church. Eleanor's place is a part-time terms placement and will last until around Easter next year.

CLOSING WORDS

With the War in Ukraine, the energy and cost of living crisis, and now the loss our beloved Monarch, these are difficult times for all of us.

If you need any help or support, please contact me or your District Elder and we will do all that we can, as a Church Family, to support you.

Finally, it has been my pleasure in recent days to Ordain 7 new Elders into our Kirk Session: Frazer Joyce, Alan Henderson, Kristeen Kennedy, Hilary Kidd, Ronald Mackay, Elaine Neilson, and Rosalind Ward. Please pray for our new Elders as they settle into their new role and Ministry within our congregation.

May the blessing of God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you all.

Rev Bryce Calder

A PRAYER BY THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ON THE DEATH OF HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Almighty God, our Queen is dead,
her long life is over
but You live forever!
Our Queen is dead,
her long reign is over
but You reign forever!
Our Queen is dead,
her loving service is over
but Your love lives forever!
We give You thanks
that in Your life, she shaped her life;
under Your sovereignty, she fashioned her reign;
in Your loving heart, she found wisdom and peace.
Forgive us when we didn't follow her example,
nor recognized the power of humble, Christlike service.
Strengthen our resolve to find our home in Your heart
and to live with wisdom, humility, and grace.
Lord,
Your kingship surprises
for it is found in a manger and on a cross
and in this light all earthly monarchs
may find the wisdom to rule
as Your servant, Elizabeth, did so memorably.
Enable us to value her ministry
in the way we serve one another
that she who reigned over us may live gloriously with You for aye
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord: AMEN

Reflection

One of my favourite hymns is Bind us together with Cords that cannot be broken, bind us together in love. This is indeed a true reflection of the last 10 weeks.

Ten weeks, how the time has quickly passed. It has been such a joy and a privilege to be with you all over the last 10 weeks of summer. Thank you all for warmly welcoming me into the church family of St Mary's. Thank you to Bryce, for sharing his experience, and giving his guidance and support. Thank you also to Helen Calder and John Thomson for your words of steer and encouragement.

There would be so many names to mention within the family of St Mary's, so I will just say to you all thank you for your words of encouragement and support in everything that I have been a part of in my time here.

Whether in worship services, local care home services, junior church, or Y-Zone. The blessing of seeing a baptism, the joy of induction of new Elders, being a part of a wedding ceremony, and the real privilege of assisting with funeral services and pastoral care.

Getting to know you through pastoral visits, over a cup of coffee in the coffee morning or after church, it has been such a pleasure to hear your stories and journey alongside you for a short while, this is one of the real blessings and privileges I have found on my ministry journey so far.

Journeying through the *Greatest Showman*, saw not only the learning of new skills and talents, as we learned to spin plates and juggle not every day seen talent, I'm sure you'll agree. We spoke about how God is with us in each and every aspect of our lives.

The summer club was such a joy to be a part of seeing the young people coming aboard Noah's ark, as they had fun, did crafts, played sports and above all heard that God loves them, and also saw that love through the people they interacted with throughout the week.

God is doing new things all the time, and it is great to see St Mary's walking with God in his call to share the Good News in Motherwell and beyond.

As I leave St Mary's please be assured of my ongoing thoughts and prayers with you.

With Love and Many blessings

Dawn

FOOD FOR THE SOUL BREAKFAST

The breakfast organised by Dawn Westwood on Sunday morning 28 August, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, was a great success and raised £435.





GUILD

Theme: Wee seeds - Big Trees

Hello Ladies,

It has been many weeks since we met, and we have had a very mixed summer weather-wise. I hope the heat has not affected you too much!

Since our last meeting, we have become aware of the passing of some of our members, and we send our love and support to their families. Other members have been ill, and for them we wish better health in the future. We are thinking of everyone, hoping that you feel God's love, and that you feel supported by the prayers of family, friends and the congregation.

We recommence the Guild on Monday 3 October, at 7.30 pm, meeting every 2 weeks. There is a very interesting and mixed syllabus for the coming session: music, film night, Desert Island Discs, and an invitation from the Men's fellowship to join them on 28 November.

We hope you can join us, and of course new members will be made very welcome. Being a new member can be quite daunting - especially if you have never been to one of our meetings - but you can be assured that you will be very warmly welcomed.

My thanks to all the committee members for their support and patience as I take on this new role.

With best wishes.
Marlene Thomson
Guild President

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship resumes the new session at 7.30 pm on Monday 10 October, where we look forward to enjoying the happy fellowship which exist in St Mary's. The meetings will once again be held fortnightly in the Avon Hall, the continued prevalence of Covid makes it prudent to meet in the hall rather than in the close confines of the Conference Room, and we thank the Guild for their cooperation in the continuation of this arrangement.

The preparation of the programme is in hand and will be intimated when available.

The dates for your diary: -

October	10 th and 24 th
November	7 th , 21 st and a joint Scottish Night with the Guild on the 28 th
December	5 th and 19 th .

At the close of each meeting there is an opportunity for a friendly chat over a cup of tea or coffee and an expensive biscuit.

I would take this opportunity to extend an open invitation to all men in the congregation to join this very lively group in the Avon Hall any Monday evening they are free, or where there is a subject that may be of special interest, and they will be assured of a warm welcome.

President
Allan Joyce

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 vestibule of the church or in the church kitchen.

Summer Camp 2022



It was wonderful to be back at BB Camp after missing 2 'real' camps!

In the few weeks leading up to setting off there was a definite excitement building (and that was just the officers!) about returning to Badaguish after the enforced break away.

Getting there....Day 1

With 20 boys and 13 officers (all resplendent in our new royal blue BB hoodies), the convoy of 2 minibuses, the Witzemann van and the Chapman's LandRover and trailer we managed to load up and ship out all our camping stuff and luggage for 5 days of adventure as we headed for Badaguish just outside Aviemore in the Cairngorms for our 2022 (Return to) Summer Camp.

After a lunch stop in Aviemore we descended on Badaguish and began the process of making ourselves at home - 10 tents had to go up, the kitchen had to be organised, 3 years of dust washed from our travelling crockery and utensils, the mammoth online shop had to be unpacked and the tuck shop retail outlet needed stocked and organised.

At Badaguish we have a great set-up that gives us best of both worlds - plenty of flat dry camping ground complemented by indoor cooking and dining facilities and a modern toilet/shower block.

The boys made an excellent job of setting up the tents so after an afternoon of settling in we enjoyed our first meal together and then set off for a stroll down to Loch Morlich. This is always the point at camp when we are reminded just how vicious the Aviemore midges are and how easy it is for boys to get wet feet!!

The (Dreaded) Hillwalk....Day 2

Sunday is the traditional camp hillwalk and this year we took a slightly different approach and went for distance rather than height - we decided to walk the route from the campsite through to Nethy Bridge which would take in the Glenmore area, the Green Loch, Ryvoan Bothy and some spectacular forest tracks.

In addition to being a lovely walk this was to help us accommodate using the Paratreker again (first pioneered at Camp 2019!) to help one of our members fully participate in the adventure.

During the walk the boys were set a challenge to take photos as a tent grouping with a variety of things or in strange poses - the results were comical!

16 kilometres and a few rest stops later and we all arrived in Nethy Bridge where our minibus was waiting to take us back to the campsite.

The photo at the top of this article is of us all at the end of the walk in Nethy Bridge.

Activity Days....Day 3 & 4

Monday and Tuesday were both days of organised activities where the main event of the day was provided by an outdoor activity company. This year we partnered with a new company Able2Adventure who are based at Badaguish and specialise in outdoor adventures for groups and those with additional mobility needs.

Over the 2 days the boys learned to paddle board on Loch Morlich, gorge walked the River Feshie at Feshie Bridge, rope climbed and abseiled back down Creag Bheag in Kingussie and mountain biked in the trails around Loch Morlich.

We had loads of fun moments particularly when 'helicoptering' on a giant paddle board or plunging into a deep pool on the gorge walk and all are captured on video ready to be edited into the camp film!

What else....?

In between all the planned activities the boys were kept entertained/busy by our staff team in football competitions, a quiz night and a big game of baseball on Loch Morlich beach.

Thank You

A big thank you to all the parents for the privilege of taking their boys to camp (and for providing us with cakes and biscuits for our suppers!).

Thanks to Mr Ian Beattie our camp chef for providing wonderful meals, doing all the dishes and putting up with all the banter!

Thanks are due to our partners - Chapman's "The Butchers" for their continued support and to Witzenmann UK for kindly supplying a van to help us with our logistics.

A big thank you to the church coffee morning for the kind donation and to members of the congregation who made donations - the boys enjoyed ice-creams and treats throughout camp as a result!

Being back at Camp was brilliant and Summer Camp 2022 was another memorable camp in the perfect (if you forget the midges) location, awesome activities with a wonderful group of boys who have all come home with memories that will last a lifetime.

Camp 2023 is already booked for Sat 1st to Wed 5th July 2023 and we already have ideas for creating another memorable camp for everyone.....

Captain Stewart Maxwell



Knitters are requested to assist in creating prayer shawls for the residents of Avondale Care Home. Contact Clare Mackenzie who can provide a pattern and wool if you wish to help.



All of our units are getting ready for a new session.

We have many girls in our units and need more helpers. Should you wish to join our enthusiastic girls please speak to any of our leaders or register online:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-your-interest/>



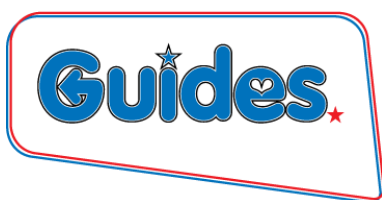
5-7 years

Rainbows, meet on a Wednesday evening.



7-10 years

6th Brownies meet on a Tuesday evening
6thB Brownies meet on a Monday evening



10-14 years

6th Guides meet on a Tuesday evening
6thA Guides meet on a Thursday evening

New girls can be registered online.

<https://go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us/join-as-member/>

Via this link you can select which unit you wish your daughter to join.

This session will be exciting for the Tuesday Guides as they prepare to celebrate their Centenary. The Guide unit was started in October 1922 and registered with Scottish Guide Headquarters in January 1923. This was the beginning of Guiding in St Mary's which has Rainbows, Brownies and Guides still meeting and enjoying activities throughout the week in the church halls led by enthusiastic leaders.

This picture shows the 6th Guides parading in Avon Street, beside the Methodist Church (now Avon Court) in the early years.



This picture shows the 6th Brownies on an outing down the River Clyde in 1934, their first year.



The Rainbows in their first year - 1989.



PRAYER CHAIN - PRAYER BOX

Our second Prayer Box beautifully decorated by Francesca Reilly can be seen on the table at the entrance to the halls.



Francesca decided to paint it blue (the church colour) so she mixed paint to get the right shade. She had seen a campervan on holiday covered in stickers from their travels which she thought was really cool. So, Francesca decided to find some stickers online for the church prayer box. She carefully searched through them to find the most appropriate words for the box before laying them all out with the little flowers. Her mum printed out the church logo to complete the look!



Wednesday Coffee Mornings



Coffee, tea, treat and chat from 10 - 12 noon.

We are back chatting on a Wednesday morning, with the addition of some home baking,

We continue to support some of our own activities by donating money made each week. Recently we made a donation to the cost of the church's defibrillator. We have also supported the Summer Club and the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

FOOD HYGIENE COURSE

e-learning

REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene course



It is hoped to hold a Food Hygiene Course for anyone who is involved in the preparation and provision of food in the church. Heather Greenhorn is in the process of organising this.

Information regarding the timing of this will be made available soon.

SUMMER CLUB - 2022



Junior Church News!

SELFIE CHALLENGE

We have all enjoyed the good weather this summer and many of us enjoyed day trips away or holidays further afield. We had a super response to our selfie challenge with entries from Gibraltar and Wimbledon to name a few! Thank you to everyone who has taken part.

SUMMER CLUB

Our theme this year was All Aboard Noah's Ark. We were delighted that after a 2 year break from an in person Summer Club, we welcomed 77 children to join the fun. Supported by a large team of over 40 team members the children took part in games, crafts, songs, worship and stories. Our week ended with a celebration service on the Sunday to share our week with the congregation. The slideshow captured the week perfectly - a sun blessed action packed, fun filled week!

Sincere thanks to all who helped during the week. We are so fortunate to have so many willing helpers who give freely of their time. We were especially delighted to have 16 of our senior BB boys with us each day. Our notice board in the main corridor has a selection of all our art work - it's worth a look.

NEW SESSION

Our new session for Junior Church began on 21 August. The yearly planner is already filling with special Sundays and theme mornings. Our focus this session is on Prayer, Harvest and Jesus' friends.

HARVEST

We are looking forward to our first special theme weekend as we prepare for Harvest. More information will be given nearer the time.

ALL WELCOME

All children are welcome to join us in the Avon Hall before the morning service. Following the all age talk we will head to the halls for Junior Church.

Our Junior Church Zones

Tots Zone	Babies- 3 years	Coffee Bar Jillian Fleming
Mini Zone	Age 3- Primary 2	Avon Hall Christine Brown
Kids Zone	Primary 3- 7	Avon Hazel Graham
Y Zone	S 1 +	Avon Hall Ian Graham

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SUNFLOWER CHALLENGE

This year we have had lots of entries for our Sunflower Challenge.
We are delighted to be able to announce our winners



First miniature to bloom **Tom Stewart**

Multi flowering sunflower

Ian and Maureen Dick

First to bloom at over 7 feet

Darren Wilson

Tallest Sunflower:

Standing tall at over 10 feet!

Allan Joyce.

Best flowering entry from Junior Church

Sophie Connor



A further selection can be found on the slideshow on the church web site.



FLOWER LIST

SEPTEMBER

4th Mrs N Smith
 11th Mrs Loughridge
 Friends of Irene Nimmo
 18th Mrs Thomson
 25th Mrs J Turner
 Mrs M Joyce

OCTOBER

2nd Mr A Joyce (Jnr)
 Ms B Aitkenhead
 9th Mrs S Forrest
 16th Mrs I Dougal
 Miss V Craig
 23th Mrs Currie
 30th Rev & Mrs J Thomson

NOVEMBER

6th Mrs L Huggins
 Mrs J Weir
 13th Mrs S Sinclair
 Mrs A Corbett
 20th Mrs M McCloy
 Mrs D Livingstone
 27th Miss J Graham

DECEMBER

4th Mr S McCue-Dick
 The Guild
 11th Mr Wotherspoon
 Mrs E Williams
 Mrs I Scott
 18th Mrs M Wilkie
 Mrs C Dewar
 25th Mrs F Renwick
 Mrs D Connor
 Mrs A Brown

June Graham - Flower Convener



FORTHCOMING SERVICES

18	September	11.00 am	Sacrament of Communion
2	October	11.00 am	Harvest Thanksgiving
13	November	10.45 am	Remembrance Service

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