

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH



Junior Church



Men's Fellowship



The Toddlers

AUTUMN 2014

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

BAPTISM

"Go therefore and baptise"

May 25 Amelia Carmen Souness

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MARRIAGES

"Whom God hath joined "

August 2 Deborah Kerr and Scott Kirkland

August 15 Fiona Malcolm and Richard Forsyth

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FUNERALS

"I am the resurrection and the life"

August 1 Morag Nelson

August 1 Isabel Lochhead

August 14 Mary Jardine

August 25 Isobel McMunn



Manse of St Mary's

August 2014

Dear Friends

We've been looking back a great deal these days, across a hundred years and more, to the beginnings of our church; there has been a keen interest shown in the people and events with a place in the story of our congregation across its first century.

1914 was a momentous year; the campaign for Women's Suffrage was driving forward; there was industrial unrest, with 2 million on strike across the country in June; Irish Home Rule was high on the political agenda. Then in August, German forces invaded Belgium, and Britain, with its allies was thrust into what was known, for a time, as the Great War, to be "over by Christmas" they said; the "war to end all wars", they said; sadly, ironically within 20 years to be known as the First World War. This year we "commemorate" (what is the right word?) the outbreak of the First World War, with regret, with penitence, and with thanksgiving for sacrifices made, in that grim period of our nation's history.

It is perhaps remarkable that in the midst of the upheaval of 1914, a small congregation in Motherwell was planning and designing and constructing a new place of worship. At a time when so many of the big issues of the day were placed in abeyance until the war was over, in faith and hope, our fathers and mothers in the faith determinedly went ahead with the building of our fine sanctuary, and largely

paid for it - at a time when I'm told, income tax was doubled to meet the war effort.

We're now rapidly approaching the climax of celebrations in November and December. During the summer months things have quietened down a little - but of great interest has been the "Open Church" and the invitation to our own members, and others to view the exhibition telling our church's story, in words and pictures and photographs, and through the architecture and furnishings. Many of our own folk and their families and friends, from the town and beyond, and quite a number of former members have visited St Mary's and enjoyed a guided tour, found their names in the Baptismal Roll, seen familiar faces on the video screen, and shared a cup of coffee and home-baking in the Coffee Bar, and a range of reminiscences!

Our thanks are due to Bill Simpson and the Centenary Action Team who organised these Wednesday events, and to Allan Joyce who gathered and assembled the display, in particular, the video which ran and ran again, showing many of the people who have been St Mary's across the years, this has had huge interest and appeal.

Bill and Allan were almost constantly present week by week supported by teams of elders and others who staffed the Coffee Bar, providing drinks and baking. Thanks to all!

We've been looking back - and rightly so, with gratitude. But we are looking forward too - to our Centenary Songs of Praise, to the visit of Rev John Harris, who will preach at our Communion Service in September, and to our Centenary Harvest Lunch at the start of October and beyond, to the climax of our celebrations in November and December, to the Centenary Dinner, to the Centenary Service, and to the visit of the Right Reverend John Chalmers, Moderator of the General Assembly on 14th December. John will preach at a Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication. I am not sure that a serving Moderator has been in our pulpit before - a first, I think! We shall celebrate at that service the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

And we look forward to the life of our congregation beyond Centenary. In the autumn, we will rejoice in the Ordination of a number of new elders who will join our Kirk Session, and play that special role in the work and witness of St Mary's in its second century.

At the last meeting of the Kirk Session, we appointed, to a new role in our congregation, Stewart Maxwell, as Depute Session Clerk. As a number of congregations have, in recent years, we recognised the need to support the Clerk, Allan Joyce, in what is a demanding position in the church and the need for continuity in the face of changing circumstances in the life of the congregation. Stewart has been very deeply and committedly involved in St Mary's, from boyhood. He is currently our Boys' Brigade Captain, and there, as in many other areas of our organisations and activities, he has served with effectiveness and dedication. I am sure he will have the support of the Kirk Session and congregation as he takes on this new

responsibility. We wish him many blessings in it.

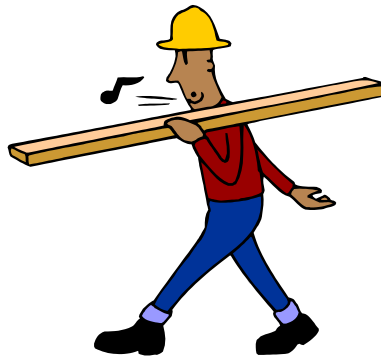
So let's continue our celebrations, in this special year. Looking back with great gratitude and forward with high hopes, let's celebrate here and now the remarkable story of our church, the faith we share as God's people in this place, the fellowship we enjoy as a congregation. Let's give thanks for a century's songs of praise offered, for a century's service given, in parish and community.

And as we celebrate, let us dedicate ourselves to writing the continuing story of St Mary's in worship and service. As our fathers and mothers in the faith built for the future, let us look to our second century, in that same faith, and move forward with renewed vision and commitment to serving the unfolding purpose of God in the days ahead, with our hope founded on Christ, the same, yesterday, today and forever.

May we all know God's richest blessing in these days.

Yours aye,





Monday Morning Work Party

The Work Party have now finished their tasks for this year. As I said in the last article in the church magazine, we were starting later than normal, as we had no major projects to undertake. It is for this reason that we are finishing slightly earlier than normal.

Despite this contracted work period, we have been busy on various smaller tasks. This has involved cleaning gutters, removing rubbish from the flat roof area over the toilets and kitchen, decorating the church radiators, and the seemingly endless weeding and general tidying of the church grounds. We hired a skip and removed a significant amount of rubbish that accumulated around the grounds of the church, also within the church halls and ante rooms.

Although the tasks we undertook this year do not have the same high profile as for example the decoration of the railings around the church, the work completed was all essential.

I would thank all the members of the team for their support over the last few months, without this support, our property, and grounds would not be as well maintained as they are.

Howard Rennie

SAFEGUARDING

Mr Joyce has now retired from his position as Safeguarding Co-ordinator. The position is now held by Heather and Stuart Greenhorn. If you have any questions regarding Safeguarding or Disclosure issues please contact Heather.



THE GUILD 1904 - 2014

As I write this article I am aware that the Summer is almost over and that soon we will be enjoying the events planned for the second half of the Church's Centenary Year.

During the summer break, while most of us have been relaxing Mrs Myra Philip has been busy organising next session's programme. I am delighted to tell you that a varied and interesting session awaits us.

In September 1904 the Guild of St Mary's was dedicated and on October 6th we will celebrate the 110 years of service within the branch; a wonderful achievement. Over these years many have served to ensure the work of the Guild survived and I am sure we have no cause for concern for the future.

Next session we will welcome some new members who have indicated their intention to join us and we encourage anyone interested to come along and enjoy the friendship and fellowship on a Monday evening. If you require transport please speak to Mrs Sheila Brown or myself.

Mrs Betty Galloway has been busy adding to our tablecloth the name of current and some former members as a continuing record for the future. It is interesting to see names from over 40 years ago including Dr and Mrs Doyle's signatures alongside Rev David Doyle and his wife Alison's.

Many family names appear throughout the years and we are fortunate to have this continuous service from these families within our church.

I look forward to the months ahead and trust that we will be found to be faithful servants remembering always

"Whose we are and Whom we Serve".

Yours in His service

Eleanor Simpson

President

TUESDAY CLUB

Our new session starts on 9th September at 2 pm. We have an interesting and varied programme lined up with speakers and demonstrations. So, if you are free on Tuesday afternoons please come and join us in the Hall.

2 pm Tuesday afternoons

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship resumes the new session at 7.30 pm on Monday 6th October, on that evening, in a change from previous years, the Minister Rev David W Doyle will kick off the first half of the season rather than being our first speaker in the New Year.

As ever the committee have prepared what we hope will be an interesting, informative and entertaining programme. Our thanks are due to those members who in the absence of a Secretary made contact with the various speakers and a special thank you to Howard Rennie for his ready agreement to coordinate the work.

I would take this opportunity to extend an open invitation to all men in the congregation to join this very lively group in the Conference Room 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.

We are very grateful to our retiring Secretary Howard for all the work he has done in preparation for next year's syllabus and as always at this juncture the committee are actively seeking topics and speakers for next session and would warmly welcome any helpful suggestion from the membership.

Syllabus

October		
6	Centenary	Rev David Doyle
13	Historic Scotland	Judith Roebuck
20	Old Lanarkshire Part 2	Margaret Anderson
27	My Lamp has gone out	Margaret Gray
November		
3	Reflections on a Motherwell Ministry	Rev John Harris
10	Pilgrimage to the Holy Land	Allan Joyce
17	Play Days	Lu McNair
24	The Well Society	TBA
December		
1	A Celebration Year	Bill Simpson
8	Somewhere in Scotland	Douglas Keith
15	On Your Own - Quiz	Bill Taylor

Allan Joyce
President

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 Motherwell, Wishaw, Newmains, Shotts, Stane, Dykehead and surrounding areas.



UPDATE

THE TODDLERS GROUP

The new session of the toddlers has begun.

Meeting on Tuesdays and Fridays in the Avon Hall, we offer an opportunity for parents, grandparents and of course their toddlers to have fun and friendship.

Joanne Hamilton continues to organise the group as our Chairperson - ably assisted by the weekly leaders - *Tuesdays*: Louise Thom and Joanne Tulip and *Fridays*: Karyn Davis and Roz Ward - with Louise and Roz being the main points of contact with regard to waiting lists and membership details.

On a weekly basis the group looks forward to enjoying time to have fun, play and sing together while having the opportunity to catch up and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and treat, which this year will be organised by June Graham and her team of ladies who make up the 'Aunties in the Kitchen'.

Our session will consist of Health Days, Parties, Fundraisers and much, much more and together we look forward to a busy time.

Diane Connor

So far this year, St Mary's has raised £5803.71 for Christian Aid. This includes £1324.16 from the house-to-house collection in May. In addition to this scheduled fundraising, our retiring offerings for humanitarian relief in Gaza have raised a further £704.

In Gaza, Christian Aid's partners are already running 2 mobile health clinics, distributing food, clothing and mattresses and giving people access to safe drinking water. Our collection, in response to the Disasters Emergency Committee's special appeal, will go towards continuing humanitarian work.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped in any way with the fundraising.

Margaret MacGregor

Junior Church

Promotion Sunday

The children of the Junior Church zones celebrated the end of the session in June by contributing to the morning worship at our Promotion Service. A number of children were promoted into new zones and we look forward to working with them all next session.

Christian Aid

As a Junior Church we have made an excellent contribution to the work of Christian Aid again this year. This will go towards the continuing work in third world countries. A **BIG** thank you to all who supported the children.

Summer Club

Our children enjoyed an action packed week in July. Please take time to look at our photographs on display in the halls. We were delighted to be able to support the work of UNICEF with a donation of £250.

New Session

The new session is now well under way with a good number of children in each zone. We welcomed the children 'back to the pews at the front' on Sunday.

A number of new helpers and teachers have 'joined the team' and we wish them all well as they work with our youngsters! Our zone teams have been busy planning for the term ahead.

On the first Sunday back our children enjoyed hearing about the Summer Club and a final visit from Clyde.

In the halls the children were busy making name badges. Our theme for the first part of our session is 'Stories Jesus told'. We look forward also in joining the special Sunday for Bible Sunday and also making some noise at the Songs of Praise!

A very busy start for our zones and lots of "Super Sundays" to look forward to.

Come along and join us...

Tot Zone	Babies-3 years	Coffee Bar Lorraine Fleck and Jillian Fleming
Mini Zone	Age 3-Primary 2	Avon Hall Christine Brown
Kids Zone	Primary 3-7	Cameron Hall Hazel Graham
Y Zone	S1 +	Cameron Hall Ian Graham

We are always delighted to welcome new families to our Junior Church....so come and join the fun!

Karen Maxwell
Junior Church Co-ordinator





1914 CENTENARY UPDATE 2014

Dear Friends

Baptismal Records dating back to 1902, the Register of Banns, fascinating details of all those from St Mary's who sacrificed their lives in the first and second world wars, memorabilia from the Guiding Movement, and the Boys Brigade, a photographic display capturing many Sunday School trips (with 6 yes 6 double decker buses) congregational concerts and much more. These were just some of the elements which were on display at our '**Open Church**' which took place each Wednesday from May until the end of August as part of our Centenary Year Celebrations. Several hundred members, former members and people from our local community visited the Church. Some had travelled from as far afield as Perth, Queensferry, Dunbar, Doncaster, Auchterarder and even Vancouver, Canada to rekindle fond memories and in some cases to mark a special anniversary. My thanks to those who welcomed visitors, those who set up the Church week by week, the team who provided teas/coffees and home baking and a special thanks to Allan Joyce our Session Clerk for his part in the displays and his technical expertise.

It seems some time ago now but it is also good to report on our Centenary '**Party in the Park**' held on the 7th June in Dalziel High School. Due to the inclement weather the event was held inside the school but this in no way dampened the spirits of over 400 children and adults who were present. It was a wonderful day - so much to do and so much to see with stalls, games, races, crafts and even a mini-zoo , with the day brought to a close with a lively sing-a-long. Many people were involved in the organisation of a very successful day and the team were expertly led by Robert Neilson. A big thank you to everyone.

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Centenary Update Cont'd

We have much to look forward to in the second half of our Centenary Year and trust that you will be very much part of our Centenary Celebrations.

On the **14th September** our morning service will take the form of a **Centenary Songs of Praise**. Please join with us as we sing the great hymns of praise and choruses that have been part of the essence of our worship over the last 100 years.

Our **Centenary Harvest Lunch** takes place on Sunday **5th October** after morning worship. Join us for soup, crusty bread, and home-baking in the Avon Hall as we continue our Harvest Thanksgiving.

A **Centenary Congregational Dinner** is planned for **Saturday 29th November**. this will take place in Motherwell Concert Hall. We hope that all of our members as are able and those who worship with us Sunday by Sunday will be part of this special event. Former ministers and a number of former members will also be present on this occasion. Tickets will be available from 7th September.

Following the dinner on the Saturday evening our **Centenary Anniversary Service** will take place on **Sunday 30th November** at 11 am. The Guest Preacher will be the Revd Cameron McKenzie and other former ministers associated with St Mary's will take part in the service. A light lunch will be provided after the service. (More details to follow.)

Finally on **Sunday 14th December** our **Centenary Service of Re-Dedication** will take place at morning worship. I am delighted that on this special day in the life of St Mary's the Guest Preacher will be the Right Reverend John Chalmers, Moderator of The Church of Scotland.

The Centenary Action Team commend all the above events to you and pray that they will be a fitting conclusion to our Centenary Celebrations.

WA Simpson (Chairman)
The Centenary Action Team





6th Motherwell - Tuesday Brownies

The Brownies had a busy schedule during the last session, with Thinking Day, participating in the Church Centenary concert, Pack Holiday, not to mention the normal Tuesday evenings!

The girls attended a Thinking Day parade at the church, after which they stayed to have lunch and some birthday cake, to celebrate the Brownie Centenary Year!!! This was then followed by a fun-filled afternoon at the district Thinking Day celebrations, dancing, making things and playing a whole load of new games!



Next, the girls participated in the Church Centenary concert! They dressed as animals, in their "onesies", and performed "The Bare Necessities", "I'm The King of the Jungle" and "Down in the Jungle".....many laughs at practising to wiggle and dance!

April brought Brownie Pack Holiday at Gowanpark and this year the theme for the weekend remained with Birthday Party! The weekend was filled from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon with activities - tie dying, frisbee making, bracelets, dream catchers - going for a walk and an ice-cream - and a party on Saturday evening! Not to forget making their beds and keeping the dorm clean, setting the table and loading the dishwasher! Oh yes and a visit from the tooth-fairy!



On top of all this, each Tuesday night, along with games and activities, the girls have worked on their Artist, Entertainer, Brownie Holiday and Brownie Skills Badges, along with the Big Brownie Birthday Challenge, which involved picking activities relating to 21 years of the last 100 years of Brownies, looking at World, Community and You.

A few of the activities the girls have taken part in are, coaster making, tea tasting, a Brownie night in the dark, evacuation postcards, and even a night where the Brownies and Leaders swapped roles.....that was exciting!!!



Looking forward to next session already!!!

Brownies from all our packs took part in the Big Brownie Birthday Party at Dalziel High School on Saturday 31 May.

The girls danced, played traditional games, tied a triangular Brownie tie, made a bracelet and took home birthday cake and the Big Brownie Birthday Badge.



6thA Motherwell Rainbows

The Red Squirrels said farewell to Squirrel Nutkin, known to most of us as Annabelle Maclean, at the end of the session. Annabelle was presented with flowers by the girls at the final night of the session. This was followed by a dinner with the Rainbow Guiders of both units. Annabelle was Rainbow Guider for 25 years and so has been part of the lives of many, many Rainbows who went on to become Brownies, Guides and even Guiders. Annabelle began her St Mary's Guiding in the Tuesday Brownies when she arrived in Motherwell from Aberdeen and we thank her for her contribution to the St Mary's Guiding family.



COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Jean Fraser, Tuesday Guide Guider, was nominated by her employer to carry the Commonwealth Games baton due to her charity fundraising and guiding activities. Doreen Barclay, Anne Gibson and Isabel Johnstone cheered Jean on as she carried the baton on the Kilncadzow road in Carluke on Sunday 20 June. She is pictured with her Mum and later in the evening at the event in the Palace Grounds, Hamilton with 3 other county guiders and Clyde, the Commonwealth Games mascot.



Also involved in the Commonwealth Games was Sarah Reilly, Thursday Brown Owl who was part of the closing ceremony entertainment at Hampden. Sarah's claim to fame now is that she has danced live to Lulu, Deacon Blue, Prides and Kylie. Annabelle Maclean, Florence Shearer and Emma Mooney were Clydesiders helping at various venues during the Games. Alison Stewart of Tuesday Brownies provided information for visitors at Hampden. Well done, ladies.

The Hamilton Advertiser has a Down Memory Lane page which featured, on Thursday 27 June, some of our Guides and Brownies from 20 years ago at an event in aid of Save the Children with Tony Roper and Jimmy Logan. The original picture was in black and white, but the recent one was produced in colour allowing us to easily identify Lynsey Weir, Pauline Carswell and Lorna Simpson at Chatelherault, Hamilton.



Summer Camp 2014



Camp 2014 was the eagerly awaited return to Badaguish Outdoor Centre, near Aviemore in the Cairngorms. We have been going to Badaguish on and off for many years but after 2 years away trying other places we had concluded that nowhere else could beat it as a venue for camp.

Getting there....Day 1

The now extended convoy of 3 minibuses, the Chapman's Landover and trailer and a couple of officers cars managed to load up and ship out all 33 boys, 14 staff and all our camping stuff and luggage for 5 days of adventure.

After a lunch stop in Aviemore we descended on Badaguish and began the process of making ourselves at home - 12 tents had to go up, the flag pole erected, the kitchen had to be organised, 12 months of dust washed from our travelling crockery and utensils, the mammoth online shop had to be unpacked, the tuck shop organised and the all-important satellite dish set up and tuned in.

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.

After an afternoon setting up and settling in we enjoyed our first meal together and then set off for a stroll down to Loch Morlich. We had only just skimmed the first few stones on the loch when the midge population started to sharpen their teeth and we beat a hasty retreat to the campsite for supper!

The Dreaded Hillwalk....Day 2

Sunday is the traditional camp hillwalk and this year we tackled an old favourite - the Meall a' Bhuachaille loop. This lets us walk from the campsite in a big loop taking in 3 big peaks (the biggest being 810 metres) and taking in some fabulous sights in the process. The photo at the start of the article is us at the top of Meall a' Bhuachaille.

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. The 2 activities were kayaking and mountain biking.

The Kayaking took place on the Craggan Outdoors pond and what initially looked like a tame activity turned into a really fun session paddling on the pond, playing impossible kayaking games, launching the kayaks off a ski ramp and trying (and failing) to avoid getting wet. The seniors in particular had a comical session in glorious sunshine where at one point everyone was in the water and all the kayaks were submerged. Even the officers got in on the action - giving the boys their first target for a soaking!

The mountain biking took place in the hills and tracks around Granton on Spey and based on the stories and video footage looks like it was a white knuckle ride in places!

What else....?

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

When time permitted we even managed to watch the odd game of football from the World Cup in Brazil, courtesy of our satellite dish and big screen!

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 Bill Taylor our camp chef for providing wonderful meals, doing all the dishes and putting up with all the banter! Thanks are also due to Chapman's "The Butchers" for their continued support.

Camp was another success - great boys, great fun, good weather, great staff, fantastic food and awesome activities.

Camp 2015 is already booked for Badaguish again - Sat 27 June till Wed 1 July 2015 -
bring it on!!

Captain Stewart Maxwell

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12 Sept 2014

Anchor Section Enrolment Night, Boys P1-3

6:15 pm - 7:15 pm,

DOWNSTAIRS HALL

*** Could parents of anchor boys in all years
please attend ***

10 September 2014

Junior Section Enrolment Night, Boys P4-6

7 pm - 8:30 pm,

Downstairs Hall

03 October 2014

Company Section Start Back, Boys P7- S6

7 pm - 9:30 pm,

Upstairs Hall

junior section update



Parents' night

The 2013/2014 session of the Junior section session came to a close in May at our annual parent's night. This year the parent's night involved the boys recreating what a typical Wednesday night might involve. The First Years demonstrated one of our physical activity games; while the Second Years revealed the appeal of our mysterious 'Bring Me' game and finally the Third Years showed what squad inspection consists of. The boys are to be highly commended for doing an excellent job in showing their families both the traditional practices and the more changeable, current activities that take place within Junior Section.

The Parent's night also provided the opportunity for all of the boys to receive their relevant badges in recognition of their hard work throughout the session on the Junior Section achievement programme.

We are very fortunate in Junior Section to have a high calibre of boys within our section. However, it does mean that the officers each year face a near impossible task of determining which boys should receive recognition with our individual awards. This year after much debate, deliberation and discussion the recipients for our individual prizes were decided. These prizes were awarded throughout the course of the parent's night and are also detailed below.

Best in Year

One of the ways we acknowledge individual merit is by selecting a 'Best in Year' for each of the 3 year groups. This year these prizes were awarded as follows:

- 1st Year- Ross Andrew**
- 2nd Year- Andrew Gardiner**
- 3rd Year- Cameron Gunn**

These 3 boys consistently demonstrated excellent manners; commitment to the Boys Brigade and enthusiasm for the various activities and events that were undertaken throughout the year.

Inspection Results

Throughout the session the boys undergo a weekly inspection in which points are awarded for each individual aspect of their uniform (jumper, armband, trousers, shoes), clean hands and face, attendance at Church/Sunday school and behaviour. The weekly scores were collated and the results were very close indeed, with decimal points separating the top awards. There were 2 runners up positions and the boy with the highest score was awarded the coveted **BBig Cheese Award**.

The results were:

- Runners Up - Nathan Bradshaw and Oliver Fry**
- BBig Cheese Award - Evan Pattison**

In addition there was also a best squad, based on inspection points. This year the **Best Squad** was **Squad 5**.

Sportsman and Leading Boy

We also had an award for **Best Sportsman** which this year went to **Robbie Welsh**, one of our third years. He has been a crucial member of our battalion competitions throughout his years at Junior Section and I am sure he will have many battalion competitions ahead of him at Company section!

Our newest award is the **Leading Boy trophy** which is designed to acknowledge the important role our squad leading boys play within the Junior Section. Leading boys are third years who have been selected by the officers to be responsible for 'leading' their squad. This means ensuring that their squads are well behaved during the opening and closing services and supporting younger members of the section throughout the night. The officers this year have been particularly impressed by the leadership and gentle encouragement that many of our leading boys have provided. However, there was one boy in particular whose thoughtfulness and helpfulness toward the younger members of our section particularly stood out and for that reason our:

**Leading Boy Trophy
went to
Cameron Sanders**

Endeavour Shield

Our most sought after individual award is the **Endeavour Shield**. This is presented to the boy the officers think has made a significant contribution to the Junior Section through commitment to his squad, group work, company events and competitions. In other words, it is awarded to a boy who has made a positive impact within the Junior Section and who

has strived to exemplify the motto of the Boys' Brigade in all his endeavours. This year it was a unanimous decision among the officers that:

**Our very deserving recipient for 2014
was
Joshua Greenhorn**

Josh has shown unfaltering dedication to the Junior Section. He has approached all aspects of BB life with good humour, complete respect and an admirable eagerness to try his best.

Vote of Thanks

The parent's night always ends with a vote of thanks to the parents/relatives, officers and boys, without whom there would be no Junior Section. Such is their importance to the company that I think it only fitting that as well as the verbal thanks they received on the night they should also receive a written one here, and so to that end....

To the parents and relatives who do the pick ups and drop offs; who support the various events that we go to throughout the year; who wait with patience whilst the tuck shop queue seems to get bigger instead of smaller at the end of every night and who ensure that uniforms are worn and hands cleaned for inspection - thank you.

The Officers

The Junior Section has a reliable team of officers who ensure that the section is well staffed. However, these officers do not simply attend each Wednesday, they join in each Wednesday. They are willing to roll up their sleeves and take part in games, competition preparation and

achievements. Although, most of them do draw the line at singing the Junior Section Coffee morning song (although I suspect that may be because I usually pick the song).

Every Wednesday it is evident to me that the boys genuinely like their officers. I believe that it is often the good natured interactions between members of the Junior Section (both boys and officers alike), rather than the specific activities that are undertaken, that lead to so many boys valuing their Junior Section experience. I would like to give my personal thanks to each of the officers who contribute to the success of 13th Motherwell Junior Section, so to Stewart Reid, Gillian Brown, Alan Fraser, Stephanie McMurray, Colin Barr, Neil Allan and Greg McLaughlan - Thank you.

The Boys

Finally, and most importantly my thanks goes to the vibrant group of boys who attend each week. They are the true essence of the Boys Brigade - thank you boys.

Dates for the Diary

We have our upcoming Junior Section Holiday Camp on 29th - 31st August

Our 2014/2015 session will start on Wednesday 10th September at 7 pm in the Avon Hall; all boys in Primaries 4-6 are welcome.

And Finally

The Junior Section enjoyed an overnight in the church in June as an extra reward for the hard work the boys put in throughout the session. A picture from the event is provided below.

Stephanie Crawford - Officer in charge



ALL AGES "PARTY IN THE PARK"

On Saturday 7 June the Church Congregation celebrated the "All Ages Party in the Park" for its Centenary year, with a difference! Due to the rain it moved indoors to the halls of Dalziel High School but that failed to dampen the spirits of over 200 people of all ages.

The Rev David W Doyle welcomed everyone with a grand opening and, with his wife Alison, cut the first slice of the Church's 100th Birthday cake assisted by the youngsters who blew out the candles.

With the Party open everyone enjoyed many of the stalls on offer with fancy goods, face painting, happy hand washing, sweets, cakes and teas and coffees provided by the Guild.

The children and some brave adults enjoyed the bouncy castles, beating the goalie with Graeme Blackwood, hoopla by Paul Bradshaw, planting flowers and meeting Claret and Amber the Motherwell FC mascots.

Faces were painted with butterflies and tigers and loom bands were fashioned into brightly coloured wristbands.

A Christian Aid stall reminded us of the important work of the CA Team with balloons and games for all to play.



A mini rugby course set up by Elaine Neilson and Frazer Graham kept the teenagers on their toes and a keen eye was needed for the target golf by the Men's Fellowship, while creepy crawlies with Christopher Graham and arts and crafts entertained.

We even had a visit from a fire engine, fortunately not an emergency!

Ice cream was on hand to cool everyone down and sweets were consumed to keep the energy levels high, while a cup of tea relaxed the parents and grandparents for their next visit to the bouncy castle.

An "It's a Knockout" competition organised by Karen Maxwell completed the fun and games with teams from the various organisations, before a rousing sing song with musical accompaniment concluded the day.

Everyone then ventured out into the rain bound for home, happy and content, and there was even a gazebo which danced its way down Hamilton Road stopping the traffic as it went.

The organising team's thanks go to everyone who helped out and assisted in making it a wonderful day and especially to the children and adults who came along and enjoyed themselves.

And the Team Leader's thanks goes to everyone who helped to make the Party go with a bang.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Do you know of someone who is in need of comfort and solace?

Do you know of someone who is celebrating an event?

The Prayer Shawl Ministry reaches out to them.

Do you know of someone who loves knitting?



The Prayer Shawl Ministry NEEDS YOU!!!

Throughout the ages shawls have symbolized shelter, peace, and can give physical and spiritual comfort in times of stress, loss or illness. Like the Jewish Tallit, traditionally worn by Jewish males, wrapping yourself in the Prayer Shawl can create a personal space.

Since the idea of a Prayer Shawl Ministry was born some 16 years ago in the USA, the ministry has spread across the world. Compassion and the love of knitting and crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry which reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. The shawls are meant to serve as mantles of God's gentle love and blessings and the hope is that, as the recipients wear their shawls, they will be enfolded in warmth, peace, strength and comfort.

A number of Guilds in Hamilton Presbytery share in a local Prayer Shawl Ministry, and over the past year it has become apparent there is a great need for shawls. Knitted squares have also been given to men within the Presbytery as they are more convenient.

So far we have distributed some 25 shawls and squares, one even ending up as far afield as Singapore. From comments from the recipients, the shawls and squares have given much comfort. Although the shawls and squares are tangible expressions of the giver's thoughts, it is rather the prayerful thoughts behind the gift that has the meaning. When completed each shawl and square is dedicated before being sent on its way. The creation and presentation of a prayer shawl, like all acts of generosity, enriches the giver as well as the recipient.

So if you know of anybody who may need a shawl or square, or someone who can knit, please contact Clare MacKenzie via the church office and become part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry.



HARVEST LUNCH



SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER

As part of our Centenary Year, we are holding a Harvest Lunch on Sunday 5 October immediately after the morning service.

A light lunch of Soup, Crusty Bread followed by Tea/Coffee and homebaking will be available.

Tickets will be available from 7 September from members of the Centenary Action Team.

FLOWER MINISTRY

As can be seen from the Flower List in this and the other bulletins many members of our congregation have generously funded the flowers which are displayed in church every Sunday. This has been an ongoing part of our church life for many years. Those flowers are then delivered to church families who have experienced illness or bereavement.



In recent years a number of vacancies have appeared in our flower calendar and we are looking for members to consider if they would like to be part of this ministry. If so, please contact either June Graham or Margaret McCloy.

FLOWER LIST

SEPTEMBER

7th	Miss Smith & Miss Webster Mrs D Colquhoun Mrs E McAusland
14th	Mrs T Smith Friends of Irene Nimmo Mrs Loughridge
21st	Mrs Melrose Mrs Ross and Mrs Rankin Mrs Thomson & Mrs Nicholson
28th	Mrs J Turner Mrs M Joyce Mrs Bimbi

OCTOBER

5th	Mrs A Morwood
12th	Mrs A Anderson Mrs Mishra
19th	Mrs I Dougal Mrs J Findlay
26th	Mrs F Miller Mrs Currie

NOVEMBER

2nd	Mrs M Graham Mrs B Hamilton Mrs L Huggins Mrs J Weir
9th	Mrs S Sinclair Mrs A Corbett
16th	Mrs M Hay
23rd	Mrs M McDonald Miss J Graham
30th	Mr S Dick

DECEMBER

7th	Mrs S Carswell The Guild
14th	Mr W Wotherspoon Mrs Williams Mrs I Scott
21st	Mrs M Wilkie Mrs M Jarvie
28th	Mrs F Renwick Mrs Earl



June Graham - Flower Convener



FORTHCOMING SERVICES



Sept	14	11.00 am	Centenary Songs of Praise
	21	11.00 am	Sacrament of Holy Communion Guest Preacher: Rev John Harris
Oct	5	11.00 am	Harvest Thanksgiving
	12	11.00 am	Guild Service of Dedication
TBA		11.00 am	Boy's Brigade Service of Dedication
Nov	9	10.45 am	Service of Remembrance
	30	11.00 am	100th Anniversary Service Guest Preacher: Rev A Cameron Mackenzie

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