

NEW CONNECTIONS

The congregational Magazine of
Strathaven: Trinity Parish Church

April 2024



Hello Spring

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*From the
Minister's
Desk*



**In comparison to
Christmas, how much
does Easter cost?**

There are Easter eggs, hot cross buns, simnel cake (and if you like marzipan, this is a must) together with a family

meal and day trips or holidays. In short, the two times of the year, the two major Christian festivals, cannot be compared in financial terms. When we think about it, Easter doesn't cost us much, and that is the whole point of Easter. Jesus gave his all, his life, that we might receive forgiveness and eternal life – and we receive these for free.

Easter is a truly wonderful season. It is the highlight of the church year but by the time you are reading this, it is past. However, I ask you to pause. Please don't leave Easter in the past. Let's ponder what Christ did for us on Good Friday by taking upon himself our sin, defeating death and opening up the gates to eternal life. Yes, it happened two thousand years ago but it's not an ancient relic. Easter is just as real and significant and meaningful in 2024 as it was all those years ago. Easter will continue to be real, for Christ's death and resurrection is at the heart of our Christian faith. Therefore, we should celebrate Easter every day. While the trappings that surround this festival may soon be removed from the supermarket shelves, the message of Easter is always relevant.

As Christians we are called to take the message of Easter and share this free gift to all people. *For God so loved the world...*

After the resurrection, Jesus met the disciples and said:

"These are the very things I told you about while I was still with you: everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the writings of the prophets, and the Psalms had to come true."

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "This is what is written: the Messiah must suffer and must rise from death three days later, 47 and in his name the message about repentance and the forgiveness of sins must be preached to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. (Luke 24: 44b-48)

Let's keep the Easter message at the forefront of our minds and share this wonderful, and free, good news throughout the year.

With every good wish,

Shaw

PREACHING ROTA

As always, the rota may need to be altered but at least it gives an indication of who's scheduled for where. A special thank you to Valerie, Robin, Norman and Julie for assisting.

If anyone would like to assist by concluding a service (announcing offering, leading offering prayer and intimating closing hymn followed by blessing) or opening a service (this will be at Glassford and Strathaven involving up to and including children's address) then please volunteer to the minister who will provide appropriate resources.



APRIL

7 th April	Norman at Chapelton and Strathaven; Valerie at Glassford
14 th April	Rev Robbie Hamilton (Moderator's Chaplain) at Chapelton and Strathaven; Robin at Glassford
21 st April	Rev Robert Allan (Moderator's Chaplain) at Chapelton and Strathaven; Norman at Glassford
28 th April	Robin at Chapelton and Strathaven; and Julie at Glassford

MAY

5 th May	Norman at Chapelton and Strathaven; Robin at Glassford
12 th May	COMMUNION AT Glassford – Rev Robbie Hamilton at Glassford and Strathaven; Valerie at Chapelton
19 th May	ASSEMBLY SUNDAY Joint Service (Sermon from St Giles) Norman to conduct
26 th May	Rev Charlene Condeco (OLM Falkirk Trinity) at Chapelton and Strathaven; Valerie at Glassford

MODERATOR INFO

The Rev Norman McKee has been appointed Interim Moderator as of 1st April 2024 until the completion of the minister's Moderatorial duties.

In addition to the worship team, the Rev Robert Allan and the Rev Robbie Hamilton (moderator's chaplains) will assist with Sunday worship. The service on Sunday 2nd June will be conducted by the Moderator of the General Assembly (Shaw has been given permission to preach in Trinity that day).

FUNERALS

Colin Somerville 15th March
Anne Lockie 22nd March
James Blackley 20th March



BAPTISMS

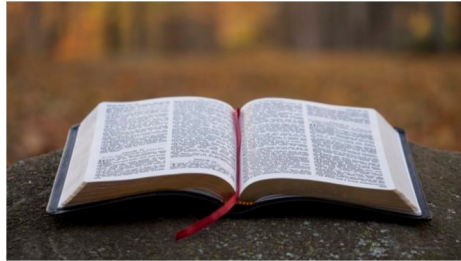
THEODORE ANDREW HAMILTON
24TH MARCH
IN GLASSFORD

MAISIE EVA JOSEPHINE LINDSAY
31ST MARCH
IN STRATHAVEN

GREGOR DAVID GARY TEMPLETON
31ST MARCH
IN STRATHAVEN

HARRISON IAN DAVID SMITH
31ST MARCH
IN STRATHAVEN

LECTIONARY READING



April

7 Apr 2024	Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31
14 Apr 2024	Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48
21 Apr 2024	Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18
28 Apr 2024	Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8

May

5 May 2024	Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
12 May 2024	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19
19 May 2024	Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
26 May 2024	Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

June

2 Jun 2024	1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6
9 Jun 2024	1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15); Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
16 Jun 2024	1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34
23 Jun 2024	1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49; Psalm 9:9-20; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41
30 Jun 2024	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

STRATHAVEN FLOWER CALENDAR

APRIL

7 th	Mrs. M Chandler
14 th	Mrs. M Gillies
21 st	Miss. R Laird
28 th	Mrs. M McAuley



May

5 th	Mrs. B Smith
12 th	Mrs. I Donaldson
19 th	Mrs. E Morley
26 th	Mrs. M Sinclair & Mrs M Latimer

June

2 nd	Mrs. E Brownlie
9 th	Mrs. B Scott (<u>Communion</u>)
16 th	Mrs. M Brown
23 rd	Mrs. M Tait
30 th	Mrs. M Neilson

Anne Grady (tel. 523285) & Lilly McConnell (tel. 520989)

GLASSFORD FLOWER CALENDAR

APRIL

7 th	Mrs. J Weir
14 th	Mrs. R Andrew
21 st	Mrs. H Kerr
28 th	Mrs. M McDonald

May

5 th	Mrs. C Frame
12 th	Mrs. S Moore (<u>Communion</u>)
19 th	Mrs. R Redpath
26 th	Mrs. R Stewart



June

2 nd	Mrs. M Edwards
9 th	Mrs. Foster Snr
16 th	Mrs. J Marshall
23 rd	Mrs. R Millar
30 th	Miss. L Fleming

J Meikle (tel. 520941) & R Andrew (tel. 521662)

CHAPELTON FLOWER CALENDAR

APRIL

7th Mrs. P Gilchrist
 14th Mrs E. Somerville
 21st Mr. J Frew
 28th Mrs. V Mclean

May

5th Mrs. A Wallace (Anderson)
 12th Mrs. M Thomson
 19th Mrs. E Kennedy
 26th Mrs. V Mclean

June

2nd Mrs. V Allan (Trinity Sunday)
 9th Mrs. J Goldie (Communion)
 16th Mrs. M Simmonds
 23rd Mrs. L Menzies
 30th Mrs. C Leggate



Mary Frew (tel. 300268) & Val Allen (075 785 06102)

PASTORAL CARE

The Pastoral Care Committee is updating the list of members who would value additional visits (to your own and those made by the Minister) or a pastoral care visitor from the church. If you know of anyone in your district, of whatever age, who would appreciate such a visit, please email the office at strathaven-trinity@gmail.com and they will be put on the list.

COMMUNION—2024

Chapelton & Strathaven -
 Second Sundays in March, June,
 September and December

Glassford - First Sundays in
 February, September and
 November, and second Sunday in
 May

TITANIC

THE LAST HERO AND THE LAST COWARD

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PLAYS INTERNATIONAL
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BRITISH THEATRE GUIDE

Adult £10
 U18's FREE
 For tickets and more
 information scan

Friday 19th April 2024 @ 7:30pm

The Epicentre, Strathaven, ML10 6DJ

All surplus proceeds will be shared between
 Mercy Ships and local charities.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

Following is a draft of the Order of Proceedings for the Assembly. Included is a detailed Agenda for Saturday 18th May for the benefit of those travelling through to Edinburgh. The proceedings can be watched online via the Church or Scotland Website.

SATURDAY 18 MAY 2024 - OPENING DAY

Session 1: 10.00 am

1. Constitution of Assembly.
2. Submission of Roll of Commissioners.
3. Election of Moderator and Prayer of Consecration.
4. Commission to the Lord High Commissioner to be read and order given for recording it.
5. His Majesty's Most Gracious Letter to be read and order given for recording it.
6. Address by the Lord High Commissioner and reply by the Moderator.
7. Address by Retiring Moderator.
8. Appointment of the Committee to Prepare Answer to His Majesty's Most Gracious Letter.
9. Report of the Standing Committee on Commissions.
10. Submission of the Standing Orders.
11. Appointment of the Procedure Committee.
12. Appointment of Panel of Tellers.
13. Appointment of Committee to prepare a minute on Deceased Ministers, Missionaries and Deacons.
14. Intimation of arrangements for a celebration of Holy Communion on Monday 20 May, at 9.15 am
in the Assembly Hall and online.

Circulation Break

Session 2

1. Presentation of Delegates and Visitors.
2. Section XX of the Report of the Legal Questions Committee regarding proposed changes to
Standing Orders.
3. Report of the Assembly Business Committee
4. Report of the Scottish Bible Society and Presentation of Bible to Moderator

Lunch

Session 3: 2.00 pm

1. Report of the Legal Questions Committee
2. Minute of the Commission of Assembly
3. Minute of the Appeal Hearing before the Ministries Appeal Panel
4. Report of the Delegation of the General Assembly

Circulation Break

Session 4

Report of the Ecumenical Relations Committee
Report of the Chalmers Lectureship Trust

MONDAY 20 MAY 2024 - 9:15am

Sacrament of Holy Communion
Report of the Assembly Trustees
Overtures and Cases
Theological Forum
Faith Action Programme Leadership Team
Theological Forum on Assisted Dying
Registration of Ministries Committee
Church Hymnary Trustees

TUESDAY 21 MAY 2024 - 9:15am

Social Care Council
Church of Scotland Guild
Faith Action Programme Leadership Team (FAPLT)

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2024 - 9:15am

Committee on Chaplains to HM Forces
Safeguarding Committee
Iona Community Board
Pension Trustees
General Trustees
Housing and Loan Fund
Church of Scotland Trust

THURSDAY 23 MAY 2024 - 9:15am

Procedure Committee
Nomination Committee
Selection Committee if required
Business if required
Presentations to the Moderator
Moderator addresses the General Assembly
The Lord High Commissioner addresses the General Assembly
National Anthem
Dissolution

As you are aware our minister Shaw has left us for just over a year to take up his role as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. This is a very prestigious position which is very well deserved. We wish both Shaw and Christine well as they embark on what will be a challenging year for them. We know that what may be seen as our loss will very much be the gain of so many as he takes his knowledge, compassion, support and of course his humour to wherever he travels. In true Shaw fashion he has ensured that we will be well served in the pulpit and will be led and supported by our Pastoral Assistant, Rev Norman McKee, who will take on the role of Interim Moderator.

Shaw will return as Moderator on Sunday 2nd June to lead us in worship and to present long service certificates to several of our elders. This will be a joint service in Strathaven and there will be tea/coffee and lots of home baking after the service. The service will be live streamed so that all who are unable to attend can take part.

Ruby Davidson - Session Clerk

**CHILDREN, FAMILY AND YOUTH WORKER -
JULIE ROBERTSON**

I sit to write this on the first day of Holy Week. Jesus has made his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and we spend this week journeying through Holy Week before we reach the wonder and salvation of the empty tomb on Easter morning. By the time this is published we will be stuffed full of chocolate eggs, but I sincerely hope that the wonder and awe of that first Easter morning stay with you longer than the chocolate coma! I hope you enjoyed our Easter scripture scratch off sheets and journeying together, as a church family, through a Holy Week of prayer and scripture.

Over the coming months our term time activities of Messy Church, after school and toddlers will continue. I am looking to run some supplementary training for all those who work with children and young people in our congregation. This is in the planning stages but if this is something that would interest you, or groups that you work with please get in touch so I can tailor the training events in a way that can hopefully suit the majority.

If you are looking to become involved with the children and family work within our congregation there are a number of opportunities! I am still looking for volunteers to help man tables at Messy Church, help with their registration or shopping for supplies, as well as helpers for a summer holiday club. As it stands, I do not have enough volunteers to run. Provisional dates for this are Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August. Again, I need volunteers to help in the kitchen for snacks, to help run with small groups, registration etc. Anyone from age 11 to 111+ is welcome to volunteer and will be made most welcome!

Till next time – Blessings!

Julie

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TODDLER GROUPS:

Toddler groups run as follows:

Monday – Strathaven

Wednesday - Chapelton both 10-11.30.

We will be off for the school Easter holidays and start back week commencing 15th April.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB:

Thursday After School runs in Glassford from 15.00-16.00.

MESSY CHURCH:

Messy Church meets next on Sunday 28th April 2024



We hope everyone enjoyed a lovely lead up to Easter, Easter weekend and spring break. Let's hope we can all enjoy some nicer weather as summer approaches.

We will be looking to organise a spring trip for all three churches and will keep you posted on that as we get more details.
We have a new resource that we are excited to start using. It is all about the old and new testament and different stories in the bible. It is a lovely, visual resource and we are looking forward to creating lots of nice display material with it.

Many thanks for your continued support as always,

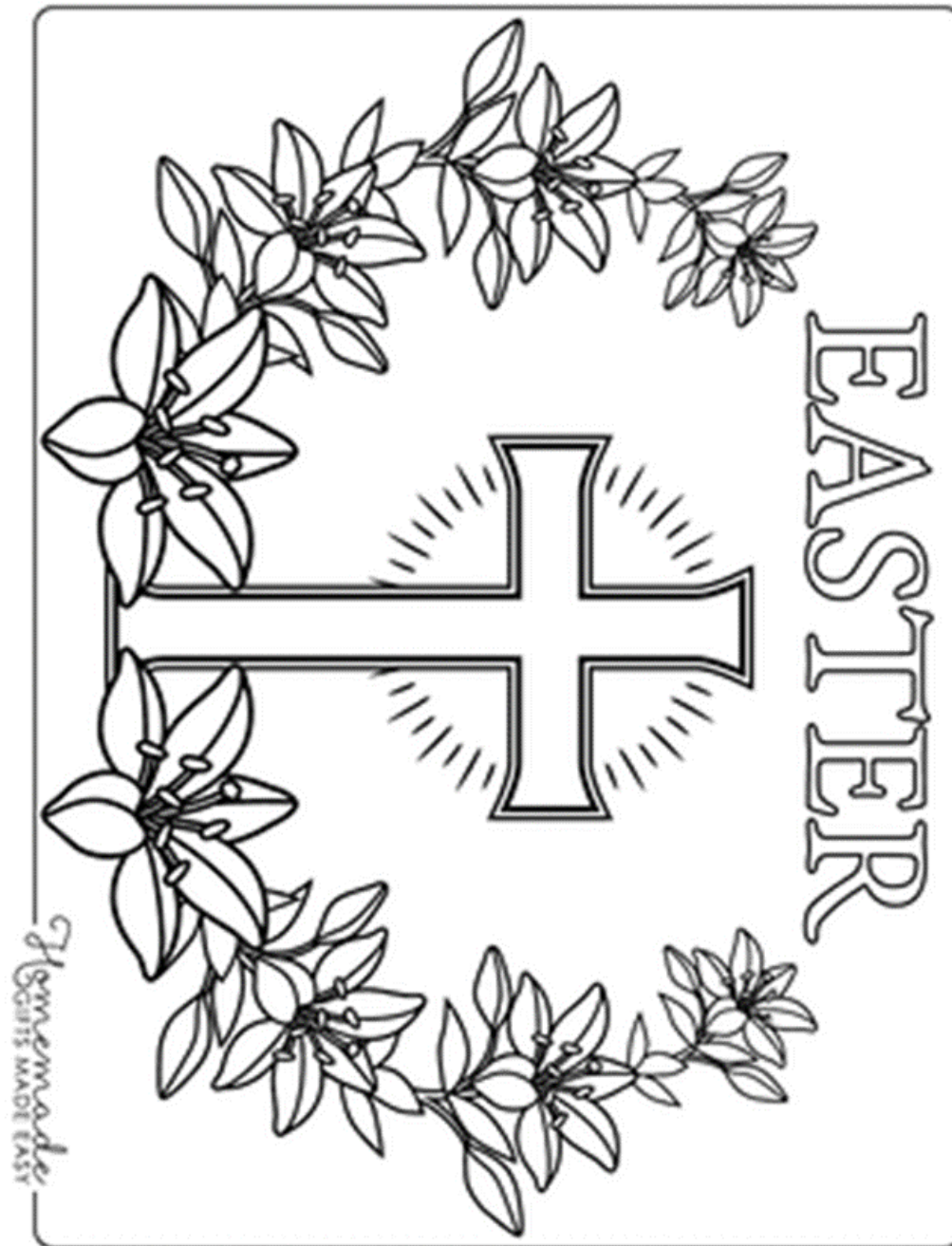
Sunday School Team xxx



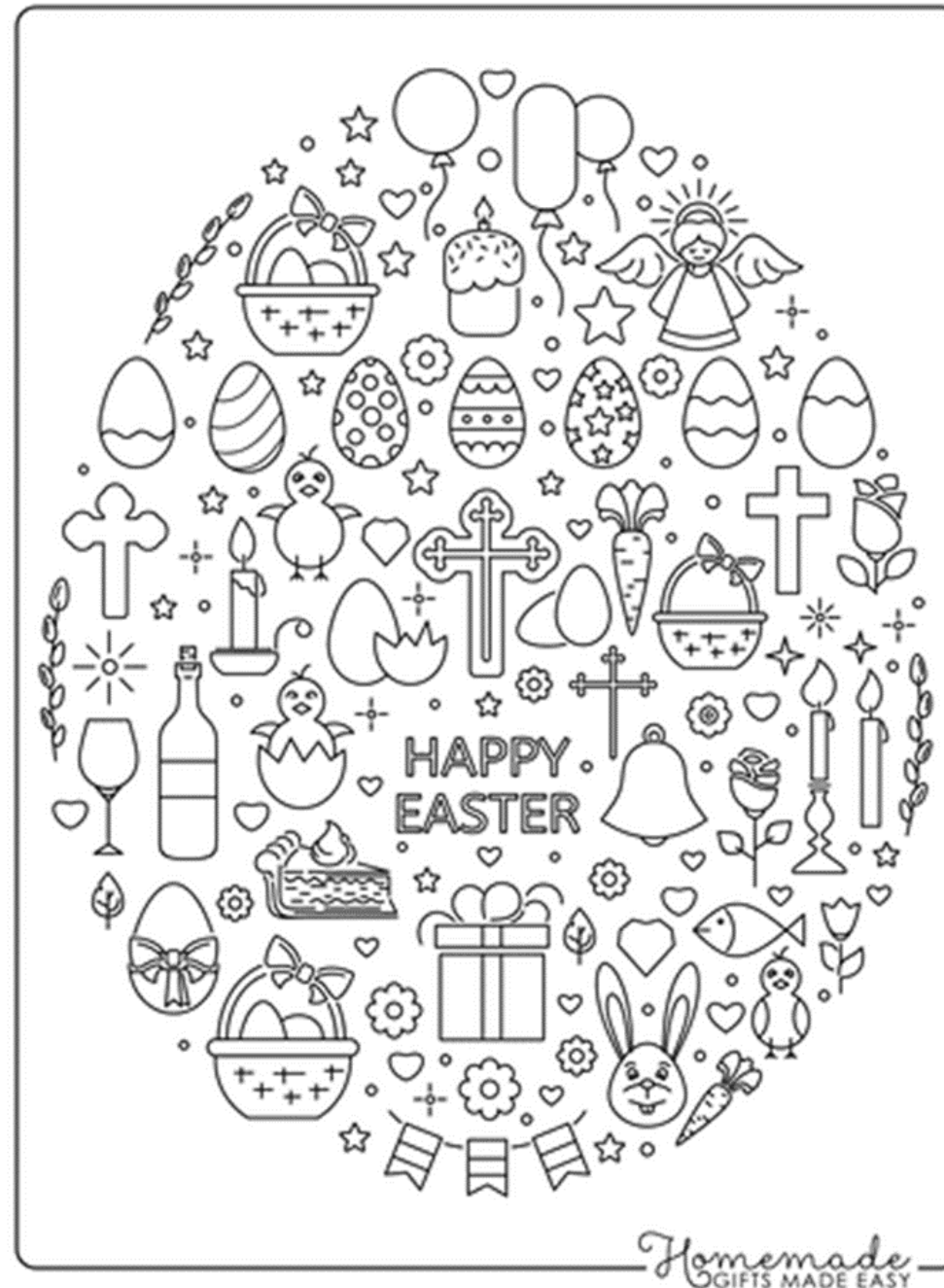
1ST STRATHAVEN BOYS' BRIGADE

The officers and boys want to thank all who supported the recent "Family Quiz". A fantastic total of £627 was raised which will be used for funding activities at the summer camp. It was great to see the hall so full of parents, grandparents and members of the congregation who all enjoyed taking part in the National BB Mastermind Competition.

Happy Easter colouring for



for you to enjoy!



GUILD

The concert 'Songs from the Musicals' by Studio 32 held on February 27 was an outstanding success. It was a very entertaining evening and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. The total raised was just under £2,000 and a cheque for £1,000 was presented to Iain Sinclair, Studio 32 at the end of the show. They support the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice and the money was then passed to them. Other charities will benefit and at the moment the Guild are making donations to the Memory Club, Kilbryde Hospice and St Andrew's Hospice. After the concert everyone was invited through to the hall for a cup of tea/coffee and a magnificent spread of home baking. We would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the evening – we really appreciated your support.

On 12 March we had a speaker from Sepsis Research – this proved to be a very informative afternoon. The final meeting will be held in Strathaven on 26 March at 2.00 pm when we look forward to hearing Jackie and Eric Rice. The business meeting will follow tea and we hope to have as many members present as possible to discuss plans for the new Guild session to start in September.

Our only other event is an outing for afternoon tea to Country Bake on Tuesday 7 May.

The Avondale Community Bus is available to transport anyone who requires it – Marjorie Lamb organises this and you can call her on 07872 050305 to book a seat.

Ishbel Anderson



A JOURNEY

THE STORY OF AVONDALE CHURCHES



OPENING SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 2024

OPENING HOURS

FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS 10-4

SUNDAYS 1.30-4

FREE ENTRY

THE STRATHAVEN JOHN HASTIE MUSEUM TRUST,
10 TODSHILL STREET, STRATHAVEN ML10 6DD

SCOTTISH CHARITY SC043189

SMARTIE TUBES

As many of you know we have been filling our Smartie Tubes with 20p's for some time now to support the work of The Women's Christian Hospital in Multan, Pakistan. We send £30 every month but often we manage to collect extra money and we recently sent £600 which will go towards the re-building of an outdoor block.



I have attached the thank you letter below which was received from the hospital.

Please keep filling your Smartie tubes and handing them into any building – it is wonderful we can support this cause.

Dear Mrs. Lesley Toms,

Greetings in the matchless name of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, whose mercies never come to an end!

Dr. Marian has informed us that your Church (Trinity Church) has very kindly donated 600 Pounds towards WCH upcoming project "the rebuilding of OutDoor Block". We are so glad and appreciate you and your Church for this generous donation. We are also thankful for your regular contribution of 30 Pounds for the ministry of Women's Christian Hospital. Please extend our sincere gratitude to all your Church members for the support & prayers. Please also find attached our last Newsletter. With kind regards.

In Christ,

Peter Massey

Women's Christian Hospital
Women's Union Missionary Society
85 - Nusrat Road, Multan Cantt.
PAKISTAN

THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION;
OLD THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, ALL THINGS HAVE BECOME NEW.

2 Corinthians 5:17



**If you're bored and feeling blue,
Come and see what you can do!**

Cheeky Crafters



**Glassford Church Hall
Wed 20th March
1PM - 3PM**



**Tea/Coffee & biscuits
Come along & meet fellow crafters,
whatever crafts you do, crochet,
knitting, weaving, cross-stitch etc
Even if you just want a chat!
We hope to see you there
£2 donation**



CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Annabelle is available to provide Citizens Advice in the vestry on a Tuesday from 10am till 1 pm. If you have an issue you would like help with please call 07592995152, leave a message and she will get back to you.

CHRISTIAN AID

This year Christian Aid Week is being held between **12 – 18 May** and there are a few ways in which we are hoping to raise funds for the charity.

Christian Aid Animal or Creature Quiz – copies will be available in all church buildings during the month of April and for a donation you can try this Quiz (for fun!). When completed, or part completed, please return to the church before 16 May 2024 if you would like to be included in the draw to win a small surprise gift!

Envelopes – these will be distributed with the New Connections magazine at the beginning of May with spare envelopes available in each church building. These can be returned any Sunday during May or put in the post-box at the Manse in Strathaven. If you are unable to get to church to hand in your envelope, please ask someone to deliver it for you. If you are a tax payer you can increase the value of your contribution by completing the gift aid details.

Bank transfer – if it is easier for you to make a donation by bank transfer to the church account the details are – sort code - 80 09 75: account code - 00766031: reference - Christian Aid. This will keep it separate from contributions to general church funds.

For more than 75 years Christian Aid has provided practical support to our global neighbours and has campaigned for justice. Money raised goes directly to local partners – the people working on the ground – and not to governments. This year Christian Aid is one of the charities supporting, among others, people in Sudan, Gaza, Israel as well as the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

If you would like to hold a fund-raising event separate from the above there may be some resources available from Christian Aid to help promote it – please contact Ishbel Anderson for more information.

Thank you for supporting our fundraising for Christian Aid 2024.

LOAVES AND FISHES

A huge thanks to all who support Loaves and Fishes weekly by bringing food and toiletries to church each week. The charity is hugely grateful for all the donations which we make.

Some of the items needed are:



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| • Tinned meats/ tuna | • Pasta sauce |
| • Tinned vegetables | • Rice |
| • Tinned soup | • Cereals |
| • Pasta | • Pot noodle |

The list is endless and anything which is 'in date' will be acceptable.



This year see the 25th anniversary of the founding of HHI and to mark the occasion the charity has set a target of raising £25,000 to build a new dormitory at Choongo School. The school is well attended by 60 disabled children but there are only enough beds for 48 pupils so children are sharing beds in very cramped conditions. For pupils in wheelchair life is even more challenging as there is not enough space to turn.

In order to support this fundraising effort you are invited to **BUY A BRICK** for £4.00 each. Go to hhi.org.uk for online purchases or speak to Iain Park or Kath Russell and we will arrange it for you.

The news from Zambia is not good as they have had a major cholera outbreak (another good reason for not sharing beds). Also, the cost of food has risen sharply making life very difficult for families.

Closer to home, I have just received lots of lovely leaf cards from the artists in India, please get in touch if you would like some.

Thanks, Kath



OFFERINGS

The Sunday offering (collection) is now being taken during the service in all three buildings.

We are conscious that many have switched to direct giving which has proved to be invaluable particularly over the last few years. Therefore, simply let the offering bag pass you by on a Sunday. Thank you to everyone for your continuing support.

Offering: In addition to bank transfer, electronic offerings can be made using the link <https://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/donate/?cong=171167> or via the QR code



Strathaven Fairtrade

The Fairtrade stall will be available after the service on the first Sunday of every month. We hope to offer a limited range of your favourite fairtrade sweets and groceries and thank you all once again for your support for the poorest and most vulnerable producers throughout the world.

Maureen and Nancy

REMINDER! New Connections has now gone digital!

If you would like to receive the magazine via email rather than hard copy, please would you pop a message to Ruth at the office on **strathaventrinity@gmail.com** with your name, who your elder is and your preferred email address.

LIVE STREAMING

Our Strathaven services are live-streamed (and available as a recording later). It is only the chancel area and first two pews that are in sight of the camera. Parents, in particular, should be aware that if they do not wish their child to be visible 'on-line' then they should ensure that that they sit a couple of pews from the front.

We are now well established with live-streaming services from the Strathaven building on Sundays and for funerals and weddings (when requested). However, we would value some additional volunteers to assist and then a rota can be established. You do not need to understand how live-streaming works. It's straightforward if you are used to working a computer. Please get in touch if you wish any further information about what is involved or speak to one of the 'team' on a Sunday.

Spring Party

Spring is here
And nature cheers!
As blossoms burst
And shoots appear!

Longer days
Bring warm sun rays,
New born animals
Frolic and play.

Memory Club

The dates for the April meetings of the club are Wednesday 10th and 24th April at 1.30p.m -3.15p.m. We welcome back Bill and Linda Menzies who will entertain us with our requests of favourite songs and on 24th we welcome back Ann Allan and Morag who will encourage us to sing along with well known and loved songs.

If you or a loved one are experiencing issues with memory loss due to dementia why not come along and enjoy an activity, some musical entertainment and a chat over tea and coffee. Often, a family member accompanies the person experiencing issues and can find some support from others in the same position. New members are always welcome.

We are also a Help Point for the Playlist for Life charity so if you are interested in setting up a personal playlist and need some advice, please call in during one of our meetings. We meet in the large hall of Trinity Church.

Also, on SATURDAY 20TH APRIL AT 2 TILL 4pm the Memory Club is having a **COFFEE AFTERNOON in the Church Hall**. We are holding this as a fund raiser and to raise awareness in the community of what the Memory Club tries to do during our meetings. So, please come along and support us and let your friends know too.

We would be extremely grateful if any members of the congregation are able to also support us by handing in some home baking for the afternoon. The Hall will be open on Friday 19th April between 6 and 7 for donations.

Thank you.

For more information on any of the above please contact Lynda Horn on 07778579504

TRINITY MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

There is a men's group that meets in the Rankin Room (upstairs in the hall) on Wednesday mornings between 10.30 am until 12 noon for coffee/tea, biscuits and a chat. Come and go for part or all of the time, as suits you.

LADIES KEEP FIT

Trinity's Keep Fit class meets on Mondays in the small (East) hall of our Strathaven buildings, from 7-8pm. Exercises are designed to maintain fitness, so not dynamic. We do a lot of laughing so the hour goes quickly. Oh, and the exercise is usually to 60's music!

Cillia McLeary

WHEELIE BINS

We have been advised that the bin lorries will no longer empty our wheelie bins unless the lid is able to close.

In Strathaven - the church wheelie bin is the black bin located in the manse garden. This bin is of sufficient size for normal activities. However, if you are having a function/party/event that generates more rubbish than usual please arrange to take it to the amenity site for disposal. Please do not stack the bin with the lid open or leave on the ground adjacent as birds and foxes make quite a mess.

CAR PARKING

Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking for church events! Please ensure you park responsibly and be careful not to block anyone's access.

This applies for Sunday services, funerals, weddings and weekday activities in the halls.

At busy times parking is a premium and so please only use the car park off Crawford Street when attending the church or halls - there have been several instances lately when the car park has been full prior to anyone arriving for a church/hall event! Therefore, do not be afraid to ask if others who are parking in the car park are attending something in our premises and, if not, encourage them to park elsewhere.

KIDS KLUB

Kids Klub meets on those Sundays when the Sunday School is "on holiday". Children wishing to participate should go into Church as normal for the children's address then make their way to the large hall where there will be board games for them to enjoy during the remainder of the service.

It would be great if we could have a few more helpers (we need two per session) – the role is supervisory and there is no requirement to plan activities. Now is a good time to contact me so that PVG forms can be completed. There is no regular commitment for Kids Klub – just operating on a "now and again" basis. I will put together a rota, depending on who is available.

Claire Campbell (01357 520191)

BIGGER PICTURE ...Mondays at Lunch Time

Academy pupils are welcome to come along to the large hall for a hot chocolate and biscuits (and a Toastie, if they wish) while eating their lunch, or watching cartoons on the big screen. Please let as many as possible know about the hall being open – it's a dry and warm place to have lunch.

BIGGER PICTURE +1... Fridays at Lunch Time

The Friday version of Bigger Picture is up and running although volunteers are still needed to make toasties and/or hot chocolate and simply 'be there'. For more information please speak to Cillia Mcleary.

WHO?

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CHURCH OFFICE

The church office hours are term time Monday to Thursday 09:15—11:45.

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Lifts to Church

If anyone requires a lift to Church, please contact

Kath Russell

07916 171830

NEW CONNECTIONS

EDITORIAL

Happy Easter! How lovely to be able to say these glorious words again! The Lenten days in the wilderness are over; we have journeyed through the rigors of Holy Week and reached the wonderful news, 'Christ is Risen!' And with it all the blessings which His death on the cross and resurrection bring to us.

Which leads me to our response....

A good few articles I've come across recently have talked a lot about working to our strengths and not our weaknesses – which I rather liked. Then in February's Life and Work, the Very Rev Dr Martin Fair writes about everyone having a ministry. 'All who become followers of Jesus are promised the gift of the Holy Spirit that each might play their part in the building of the body, the church.'

So this month as we celebrate that central liturgical event of the Christian faith that is Easter I want to say a huge thank to all those whose ministries are the mainstay of our 3 churches here at Trinity – and I mean everybody: the cleaners, the elders, the flower arrangers, the readers, the singers, the worship team, the tea-makers, the welcomers at the door, the live streamers, the office staff, the bell ringers, the Sunday School teachers, youth workers, sound box operators, the organists, the financial team, the hall keepers, the Guild leaders and members, pastoral care team.....

It's good just to take time to reflect on just how many people minister faithfully each year, not just in the particular church that is Trinity, but in all the churches in the country, in the continent, in the world! We are part of the living body of Christ- let us celebrate that with very humble thanks that we are able to be so.

Wishing all readers peace, joy and happiness this Easter.

Take care
Maureen

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