

SteepleTalk



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Autumn 2002

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August 2002

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over (did we have a summer?), but it is. Everything is starting up for the new session. All our organisations are gearing themselves up for new challenges, new activities and hopefully, new people coming along to join in the fun.

Since I last wrote a letter for the magazine I have been away on Study Leave to Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey and also have been on holiday to Italy. My visit to Princeton was to take part in a course of study and also, to have an opportunity to visit with churches of the Presbyterian Church of the USA. I have returned with quite a number of resources which I hope will enrich our worship and our education in Bourock. It was interesting to see the differences but also, to note the similarities in these churches and their worship.

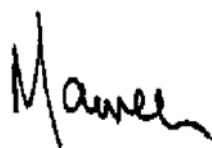
Angus and I had a good holiday in Italy. We spent the first week walking in the Dolomites where the scenery is just spectacular and then we traveled to Lake Garda to spend a week recovering from all our walking. It was good to have a time of rest and relaxation. Holidays are important, wherever you take them. We need to have a break from the daily toil. The idea of time for rest is after all, biblical - even God rested after all His work in creation.

Having said that, I want to emphasise that worship is biblical too. We are called to gather together regularly to praise God and be strengthened to do His work. It always saddens me that so many people do not come to worship during the summer months. It is important to continue with worship and we must ask ourselves what kind of message we give to our children when we relegate worship to a winter activity.

We have been rocked in the recent weeks by the terrible news from Solham, and our hearts go out to the families of Jessica Chapman and Holly Wells. In reaction to such evil we, as Christians, are called to stand up for a different kind of society - one in which love is the rule.

In contrast to that shocking news we can be grateful that our Summer Club offered youngsters a friendly and welcoming environment where they had fun and learned about God's word. It was a huge success, with over 300 children each night coming along to look for the "mighty Godsword". We had extra helpers this year - with a good representation from other churches in the town so it really was a "Barrhead" event. Many thanks are due to all who gave of their time and talents to lead this club but especially to Doug Swanney who really inspires everyone with his enthusiasm and creativity.

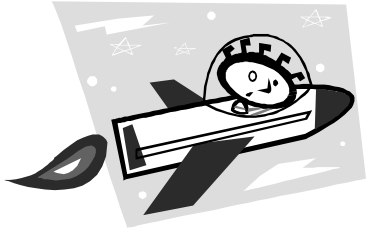
I have now been your minister for seven years and it is a pivotal time in ministry. I am told that this is the time when all the hard work done by many should begin to show fruit. So I am looking forward to a vibrant year - a time when many people in Bourock get involved in the worship; in the work; in the fun and fellowship. There is only one person who can ensure the vision becomes a reality and that person is YOU.

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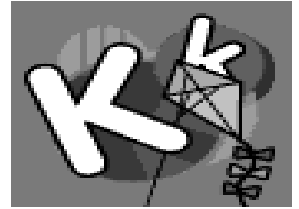
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Bourock Toddler Group



The Toddler Group has enjoyed another successful session. Since the start of the session last August, we've had an attendance of around 16 'adults', (Mums, Grans and Aunties), and 20 children. Every Friday afternoon the children have the chance to play with other children, and their 'adults' have the chance to meet other adults. Throughout the year we have had visits from Eric, the Storyteller, who read to the older children. Eric came to us from the 'Bookstart' project - which unfortunately finished in March 2002. However, Eric was able to leave some of his story books with us. Our thanks go to East Renfrewshire Council.

We had a party for the children at Christmas, when Santa gave everyone a present - including me! Thank you all very much. The children received Easter eggs and enjoyed 'dooking' for apples at Halloween. We were also able to extend our range of larger toys this year, with the purchase of play tents and a tunnel. I would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who came along and supported the group over the year - and look forward to seeing 'old' and 'new' faces next year. Our best wishes go to the children starting school in August.

In the Spring, we were able to purchase a baby changing table and mat. This is kept in the Ladies cloakroom, however, it is quite light, and so it can easily be moved should a Dad or Grandpa need to use it!!!

We started back in August, and meet every Friday afternoon, during the school term time, in the Upper Hall, from 1:15pm to 2:45pm. The Toddler Group is open to ALL pre-school age children - from new-born babies to 5 year olds, so 'drop-in' and join us whenever you can (Mums, Grans, Aunties etc. all welcome).

Debbie Mitchell



Fayre



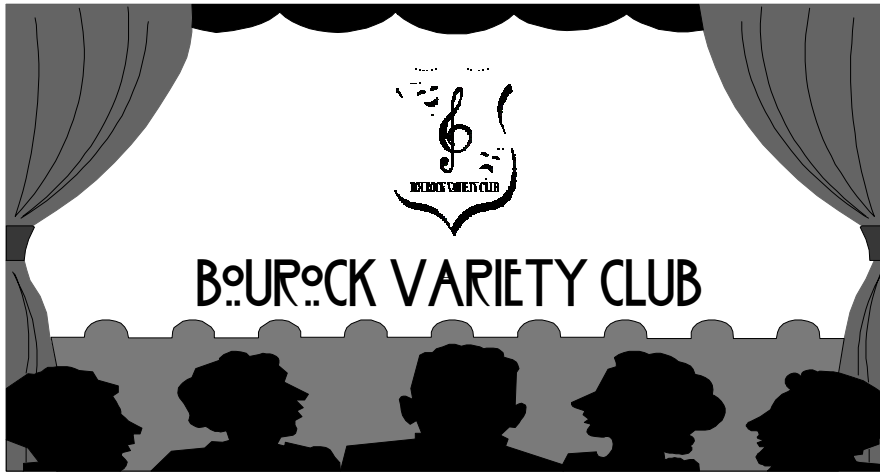
On Sunday 12th May, we held a Fayre in Rachel's garden, in aid of Christian Aid. We raised a total £330.62 ... so a big 'thank you' to everyone who gave donations and came along.

Thanks to our stall holders and kitchen staff :- the Trail, Palmer and Morrison families, Gemma Duncan, Kathryn & Jennifer Sproul, and Heather Sclater.

Our Dads were good sports - Sandy got very wet when people threw wet sponges at him and Jim had his hair shaved off - thanks to Maureen and Debbie. The adults said that Nancy's scones were lovely, and they enjoyed having a break in the Darroch's back garden. We all had a lot of fun.

Thank you

Kirsty Mitchell and Rachel Darroch



Rehearsals are now well underway for our Christmas production, which again this year will be a pantomime - "Jack And The Beanstalk". This will have a very different setting and will include songs and dance routines for all tastes.

The club has been delighted to welcome along some new members, both to the cast and stage crew. The club is always happy to see new faces and is structured such that everyone will be able to use their talents to the full.

Earlier in the year we had our annual "Tartan Tea", which was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. It is always great to see so many enjoying traditional Scottish music as well as the dancing displays (and, of course, the tea and shortbread!).

It only remains to say that the tickets for this year's show will be going on sale sometime in October, so keep your eyes on the notice boards.

Linda Dye

Dates for Your Diary

TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER	-	7:30PM SHOW
WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER	-	7:30PM SHOW
THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER	-	7:30PM SHOW
FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER	-	7:30PM SHOW
SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER	-	2:00PM SHOW
SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER	-	7:30PM SHOW

Costumes For Hire

The Variety Club has an extensive wardrobe now for hire.

Minimum Donation
£2 per item
£5 per costume

Contact - Morag Brown
 (0141-880 6466)



JUNIOR CHURCH



Junior Church closed with a wonderful trip to Kelburn country park just outside Largs. This enabled everyone to get the summer off to the best possible start.

As you will read elsewhere in the magazine, the education committee and the minister have been working during the summer to bring forward an education policy for the church. This will involve new material for Junior Church, in the shape of "Seasons Of The Spirit". After quite a few years of using Scripture Union material, it was felt that a change was required. The exciting thing about the new material is that it covers all ages ... from age 0 through to adulthood. As well as that, it follows the lectionary, which will mean continuity throughout the church's programme of worship.

Once the new session has got under way and we have become acquainted with the new material, we are hoping to learn some new songs. We have been looking for some time at this and are hoping to introduce a few over the coming year.

Once again this year we will be collecting for our "shoe box" appeal. If you have any boxes to spare, just bring them along and they will be put to good use. Remember - we also require lots of items to fill the boxes.

Linda Dye

Photos



3rd Barrhead Guides

On March 1/2 Jean MacKay and Susan Bradley took part in a Baden-Powell Challenge Adventure Day. The girls had to meet at the Guide Shop where (in a large hall) they had to spend the night along with another 45 Guides from all areas. After breakfast on Saturday, Jean and Susan (along with another two girls) were given an Answer/Do/Collect List and a Places to Visit in Glasgow List.

Visitations to: George Square, BBC Studios, Glasgow University, Museum of Transport, The Tenement Building, Herald Newspaper Building, Botanic Gardens, Art Galleries and the Scout Shop. This was quite a challenge as the girls started off just after breakfast, had to return at lunchtime and then go back on their journeys until tea time.

They also had to obtain the signature of a Glasgow taxi driver and the signature of a policeman/woman as well as traveling on the subway and drawing a map of all the stations (this is just a sample of some of the things the girls had to do). Quite a lot for 2-14 year-olds. It was all worthwhile as Jean and Susan were told they had passed all their challenges and were the first two girls in Barrhead to receive the new Badge. The girls have worked very hard to complete all the sections required for this badge and we are delighted that all their hard work has paid off

Also in March we held our Chit Chat Café. This wasn't as well attended as in previous years. But, perhaps, the snow falling didn't help. Thanks to all who came to the café, helped, washed up and served. Our thanks to them all.

At the Parents' Evening on Monday, May 6 the following prizes were awarded:

Perfect Attendance: Colette Gribben. Susan Bradley. Nicola Barton, Suzanne Morrison, Jillian Webb, Fiona Corrigan, Hazel Webb.

Good Attendance: Jean MacKay, Amanda Frew. Kirsty MacLaren, Jennifer Sproul. Michala Boklach.

Patrol with most points for Games/Stamps/Ink Cartridges Canary - Nicola Barton, Stephanie Caldwell, Suzanne Morrison, Catherine Ellis, Jillian Cowie, Megan McLoughlin.

Art Prize for Church Stationery - Michala Boklach.

Best Patrol: Swallow - Susan Bradley, Amanda Frew, Michala Boklach, Jennifer Sproul., Laura Francis.

Best Guide -- Jean MacKay.

After all the prizes were awarded Jean and Susan were presented with their Baden-Powell Challenge Awards. The cutting of the presentation cake was followed by a buffet supper. This ended an enjoyable evening.

Jillian Webb was tested for the Commonwealth Award after the Guides had finished for the session, and we are all delighted that she passed this Award. Jillian has worked extremely hard and our congratulations go to her,

Gayle accompanied Stephanie Caldwell, Fiona Corrigan. Jillian Cowie, Jennifer Sproul, Catherine Ellis, Nicola Barton, Kirsty MacLaren and Suzanne Morrison as the girls played their Ocarinas at the Musical Evening in May.

The Guide Camp this year is going to Auchengillan International Outdoor Centre, Aug 23/25. A good response from the Guides who were there last year and had a great time, even though they were eaten alive by midges!!

The Guides restart on September 2, 2002.

Empty ink cartridges are still being collected for Guide Dogs for the Blind and used postage stamps (with at least a 1/2in border) are required for the Ardgowan Hospice in Greenock. If you have any of these items, please leave them at the doors to church or halls. Thanks to all who have collected in the past and who still collect.

Barbara Jones

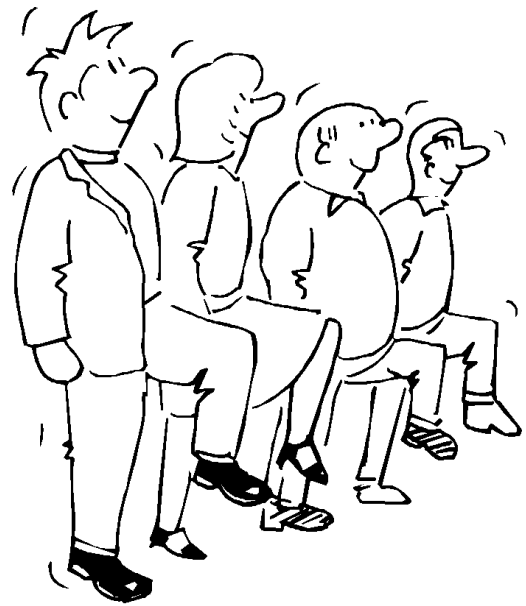
Summer Worship

I'm sure that everyone would agree with me that the summer services this year were again wonderful. The joint 11:00 am services over the years have been getting better and better, while the 9:30 am services were totally uplifting. The music at the early especially added to the joy of worship, with the new style making sure that there was something for everyone. A big 'thank you' to everyone involved and hope that there is more to come.

Jenny



".... and it's a lot less trouble than a choir!"



HYMN No. 26
You put your left leg in.....

Flower Bulb Fund Raising Campaign 2003

The Young Women's Group will be organising a fund raising bulb sale this winter, with all proceeds going towards fabric and buildings improvements in our Church. This year, the bulbs are summer flowering and will be delivered early March 2003, for Spring planting. The catalogues will be available Early December 2002 - so if we don't manage to catch you, please feel free to contact us!

Debbie Mitchell (571 5536)

Karen Johnston (881 5115)

Bourock Youth Singers

The youth choir group started up in September last year for ages primary 6 and upwards, meeting in my home with about 10 attending. We have gained members throughout the year but have about 11 girls in regular attendance. We sang for the first time in church at Christmas and the choir performed very well, and they got a good reception from the congregation. We contributed to the year of the child service by singing the Year of the Child hymn, Hear Our Voice, as an introit, which the girls enjoyed. Since Christmas we have sung a few times in church services and sang two pieces at Easter, one of which went down particularly well. We also took part in the musical evening held in May and I was very proud of how well the girls did. In April we had a pizza and video evening, we watched a few videos and ate a mountain of food, but all the girls seemed to have fun.



We resume our choir meeting on Sunday 18th August at 7:30pm in the Church, we were meeting in my house, but as our numbers grow it is getting more impractical. We are performing at this year's Senior Citizens Evening and are planning to go and sing for the residents of Norwood House within the next few months. I am preparing music for Christmas and we look forward to an even busier year. We invite anyone who is interested to come and join us on a Sunday evening.

Lorna Simpson

3rd Barrhead Brownie Pack

We closed in April with our annual parents evening where the girls performed their very own "Pop Idol". We also had our prize giving where many of the girls got prizes for attendance. The best six this year was the pixies and the Best Brownie shield went to Pamela Walker. Emily Geddes was presented with the Janette Auchincloss shield, which was this year presented to the girl that had achieved the most and progressed the most during the Brownie year.

We have had an exciting year in the Brownies, our numbers have been fairly healthy and we finished the session with 21 girls. In December we attended the Variety Club show, which the girls thoroughly enjoyed and we finished on December with our joint Christmas party with the 2nd Brownie Pack. The girls enjoyed some games and party food and we even received gifts from a special visitor.

In May we had a very exciting but wet day as we sailed down the Clyde on the Waverley. We stopped at Largs and had a look round the shops before stopping for ice cream. It was a wet day but the girls enjoyed crafts and games on board and seemed to have enjoyed themselves despite the weather.

We start back on Monday, 2nd September. The Brownies meet from 6:30pm until 8:00pm in the Church halls for girls aged 7-10 years old. We look forward to see last year's girls re-joining us and welcoming any new faces.

Karen Auchincloss, Lorna Simpson and Lorna Thompson

General Assembly 2002

I recently went to the General Assembly with the children's Ambassadors from the Children's forum. We went along for four days and one night, as well as going to St Giles and the General Assembly we also met the Queen and Prince Phillip.

I met lots of new friends and had a really good time. As well as meeting the Queen and going to St Giles we did some fun things as well. Some nights we had dinner out while other nights we had a barbecue or went to the Cinema.

I spoke at the Parish Education Report during the General Assembly it was very scary as everyone was just staring at you and they looked quite serious. Although everyone thinks that everyone is really strict they are actually really nice and most of the people around me (where I was sitting) made a point of coming over to us and talking to us.

The service at St Giles was quite old fashioned and mostly aimed at older people rather than younger people. Most of the songs sang at the service were very old fashioned.

I enjoyed my stay in Edinburgh and enjoyed meeting lots of new friends.

Photo

Fiona Palmer



George always came prepared for long sermons

Education Policy

The Christian Education of the congregation is one of the primary purposes of the Kirk Session and the Minister. Christian Education is something that starts from birth and continues all through life. Bourock Parish Church seeks to be an all age learning community – with organised and structured learning in place for all ages as well as opportunities to practice the learning within the church community.

The following is the layout of the structure of our Christian Education programme for all ages.

Although the Minister retains overall control for Christian Education there are other people appointed by Session and should be consulted in education matters.

AGE	ACTIVITY	PROGRAMME	RESPONSIBILITY
All Ages	Church Worship	As Minister Directs	Minister
0-2	Junior Church/Creche	Seasons Of The Spirit	Junior Church Leader/ Creche Leader
3-5	Junior Church	Seasons Of The Spirit	Junior Church Leader/ Under 5's Leader
5-11	Junior Church	Seasons Of The Spirit	Junior Church Leader
11-13	Junior Church	Seasons Of The Spirit	Junior Church Leader
14+	Church Worship	As Minister Directs	Minister
14+	Junior Church Teaching	Seasons Of The Spirit	Junior Church Leader
16-25	Daniel Group	Seasons Of The Spirit/ As Selected By Leaders	Daniel Group/Minister
16+	Membership Classes	As Minister Directs	Minister
16+	Church Worship	As Minister Directs	Minister
All Ages	Bible Study	As Selected By Leader	Education Committee
25+	House Groups	As Selected By Leaders	House Group Leaders/ Minister

Tweenies

The Tweenies start again on Monday 2nd September from 6.30pm until 7.30pm.

This organisation is for girls between the ages of 4 and 7 years of age. We play games, craft, sing, stories and generally enjoy ourselves (leaders as well as children).

Come along any Monday and see what it is like.

Helpers are always needed as well. If you can help come along or contact Elizabeth McKenzie 880.5077.

Flower Rota

September

1 Miss S. Tinto
8 Mrs. D. Ramsay
15 Mrs. D. Miller
22 Mrs. J. McLeod
29 Variety Club

October

6 Mrs. J. Brown
13 Mrs. B. Brown
20 Mrs. McKechnie
27 Young Womans Group

November

3 Mrs. I. McCartney
10 Mrs. R. McDonald
17 The Guild
24 Mrs I. Hassan

December.

1 Miss J. Renfrew
8 Mr. D. Gebbie
15 Mrs. M. Leitch
22 Mrs K. Johnstone
30 Flower Fund.



Hall Lets

Just a note to let you all know that I am now the halls convener for Bourock Church. If you require a hall let on a permanent or temporary basis, please contact me and I can make the necessary arrangements. Please do not hesitate to call.

Hazel McCarthy (880 7607)

The Guild

The new session of the Guild starts on Tuesday, 24th September with a Dedication Service in the church followed on the 8th October by our Welcome Tea to which new and existing members are invited.

A varied programme has been arranged for the coming months, by our new committee, so why not come and join us.

A date for everyone's diary is our popular Quiz Night which will be held on the 16th November - get your grey cells working.

Could I, on behalf of the Guild, thank those who have a 'mission' box for their spare pennies. All the money collected this way is given to the Mission and Aid Fund of the Church and normally raises about £400.



Marjory Brown
President

Parish Register

BAPTISMS

MAY 2002

NIAMH ISABELLA JUNNER 208 GATESIDE ROAD
JACK RONNIE ALLISON 26 DEANSTON AVENUE

JUNE 2002

SOPHIE AMELIA Mc ALLISTER 4 RANKIN WAY

AUGUST 2002

ROBYN ALEXANDER McKIE 8 RANKIN WAY

MARRIAGES

30 MARCH 2002 BRENDAN Mc CARTHY AND HAZEL SIM

20 APRIL 2002 CHRISTOPHER DEIGHAN AND FIONA McMILLAN

19 JULY 2002 MATTHEW PEARCE AND ZENA KIRKBY

17 AUGUST 2002 STEPHEN McAULAY AND LINDSEY NELSON

FUNERALS

MARCH 2002

*BETTY WHITE 64 CRAIGHEAD WAY

MARGARET BOWIE
MARGARET HARRIS
WILLIAM MITCHELL

6 WAULKMILL AVENUE

APRIL 2002

ALAN BAIRD
JOHN SINCLAIR 129 GLENSHEE AVENUE NEILSTON
JACK FERGUSON 16 GLADSTONE AVENUE
DAVID SMITH 10 GORSE DRIVE

MAY 2002

THOMAS MINTON 12 BALGRAY CRESCENT
*ANDREW DUNCAN 4A HENRY STREET
*MARY BOYD 43 LYONCROSS AVENUE
*JEAN AITKEN NORWOOD HOUSE

JUNE 2002

MARGARET EASDON 126 AURS ROAD
*JOHN LAIRD 114 CARNOCK CRESCENT
*MARGARET HUTTON "WINDYRIDGE" HILLSIDE ROAD

JULY 2002

*ELLEN LAUGHLIN 18 LEVERN GARDENS
HANNAH MORROW 35 BARNES STREET

AUGUST 2002

DAVID IRVINE 206K MAIN STREET
JOHN FORREST KELBURNE STREET
JANETTE CLANCY MILLVIEW HOME

* denotes member

2nd Barrhead Guides

Annual Report 2001/2

We have enjoyed a great start to the session when on 27th October we had our Pancake morning where we raised funds which helped take us to GX Superbowl in Paisley in November and the Variety Club Panto in December, this also pays for various materials and badges throughout the session.



Girlguiding UK

On November 11th we had our remembrance parade which was well supported & at Christmas we again had a joint Party with the 3rd Barrhead Guides which proved that fashion is the key, but we still enjoyed loads of party games & plenty of food!!

In January we had a girlie pampering night when the girls made their own face packs with strawberries, oatmeal & natural yogurt, hair was carefully put up, curled, pleated etc by Deborah or you could have a manicure. It was a great night and the guides came to the conclusion that we should have a night like this once a month!!!

Also in January we had an activities night which saw the guides eating sweets with chopsticks while completing a chocolate quiz, making paper frogs, making & eating somemores & wrapping a present while blindfolded.

We have also seen the Panda patrol hold their Fashion clashin' party! (October) Which even included a fashion parade & disco and then the Penguin patrol in February had their Pop Idol themed Party which went down a real hit with the rest of the company so well done girls for all you hard work.

The District Thinking Day was held on Thursday 21st Feb in Bourock this year it was really great to see so many girls there having loads of fun. Also in Feb Deborah arranged a Holiday challenge for the guides to complete, this involved opening a new holiday complex which had to have a company slogan, brochure, radio or TV advert, web page etc great fun & a lot of imagination went into all of these entries.

Some of the girls also went, as a county, a trip on the Waverley, they had great fun! & as part of the guides community action they had a Coffee Evening on the last night money went towards Christian Aid.

We had our Parent's evening on 13th May when everyone joined in with our usual Monday night games, then were entertained by the guides own talent show and we rounded off the night with the presentation of prizes.

Best Guide

Heather Palmer

Best Patrol (Penguin)

Catriona Palmer, Kirsty Mitchell,
Karen McDonald, Rachel Darroch &
Rachel McGowan

Perfect attendance

Amanda Burrell, Alison Mitchell,
Kirsty Mitchell, Pamela Kettings,
Karen McDonald, Fiona Palmer,
Heather Palmer, Catriona Palmer,

Carole Glover, Rachel Darroch,
Rachel McGowan, Emma Burns &
Emma Burrell

Good Attendance

Catherine Sclater, Hayley Burrell,
Lauren McGowan, Karen Baillie &
Jennifer Lewis

Well done to everyone, it has been a great year & I must thank the other guiders for their help & continued support over the session, whom without them this would not be possible so thanks again - Deborah, Ann & Caroline who recently came back to visit us (she is now living in Falkirk) to help.

Guides restart on Monday 2nd September when all new members will be made very welcome. Assistance is always helpful especially with badge work - so if anyone can help, even if it is only for a few weeks, you would be made most welcome.

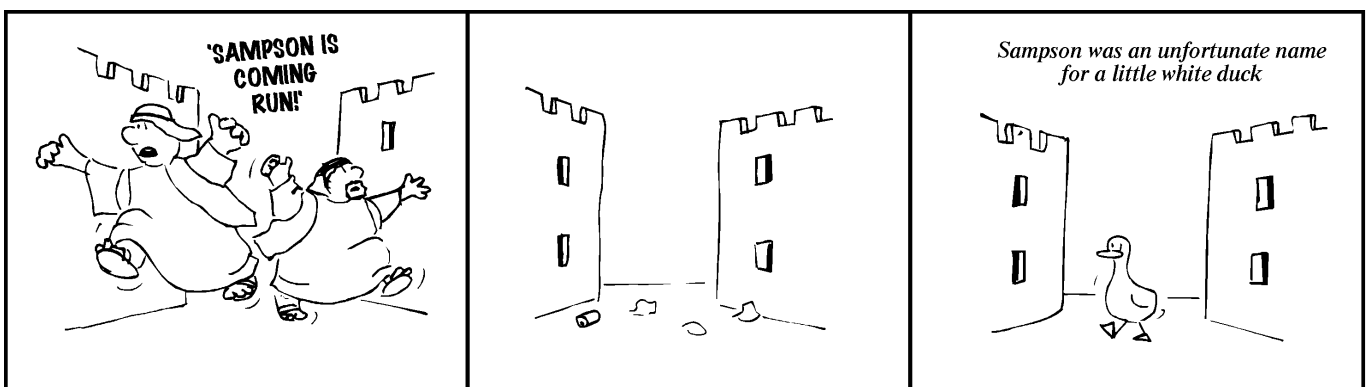
Jennifer Stewart

Summer Coffee Mornings



Thank you to everyone who supported the summer coffee mornings. To those who helped, those who donated and those who came along to support us.
A lot of fun and fellowship was had by all.
Thanks again for all your support.

Lindsay Simpson



If I Knew

The poem below was used by three sons as a tribute to their mother at the Clarkston Disaster Memorial Service earlier this year. She was one of the twenty-one people killed in the massive gas explosion in the shops at Clarkston Toll over thirty years ago. I don't know the title or the author of the poem, but when I quoted it at a Thursday morning service, several people suggested putting it in SteepleTalk. They found it very moving and we should all take heed of its message.

Glenda Meikle

If I knew it would be the last time
That I'd see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in more tightly
And pray the Lord, your soul to keep.

But just in case I might be wrong
And today is all I get,
I'd like to say how much I love you
And hope we never forget.

If I knew it would be the last time
That I see you walk out the door,
I would give you a hug and kiss
And call you back for one more.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone
Young or old alike
And today may be the last chance
You get to hold your loved ones tight

If I knew it would be the last time
I could spare an extra minute
To stop and say, "I love you"
Instead of assuming you would know I do.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow,
Why not do today?
For if tomorrow never comes,
You'll surely regret the day.

If I knew it would be the last time
I would be there to share your day,
Well I'm sure you'll have so many more,
So I can let this one slip away.

That if you don't take that extra time
For a smile, a hug or a kiss
And you were too busy to grant someone
What turned out to be her last wish.

For surely there is always tomorrow
To make up for an oversight,
And we always get a second chance
To make everything just right.

So hold your loved ones close today,
And whisper in their ear,
Tell them how much you love them
And that you'll always hold them dear.

There will always be another day
To say, "I love you",
And certainly there's another chance
To say our, "Anything I can do?"

Take time to say, "I'm sorry"
"Please forgive me" or "It's okay"
And if tomorrow never comes,
You'll have no regrets about today.

Do You Know Samuel?

The Springhill House Group resumes on Monday 12th September at 7.45pm to begin a study of 1Samuel. We meet fortnightly in the old house at the top of Springhill Road. We're not a bunch of "Holy Willies", nor Bible "know alls". We're just ordinary folk who realise there's an awful lot of the Bible about which we know very little. If you've never been to a house group, why not give it a try? No one will mind if you don't want to go back, but we'd be very pleased if you do. Should you need transport, a lift may be available.

Phone Glenda on 881 4269.

A Few Thoughts For Today

Most people are willing to change,
Not because they see the light,
But because they feel the heat!

Barbara Johnson

Dear Christ, I would give
You every key of the little house that
You know of me
The porch has been Yours,
And You've walked all through
The open rooms that the world can view.
But today, O Christ, I would have You go
To the secret rooms that I've treasured so.
They are hidden and small and set apart;
But I want You to own this house –
My heart.

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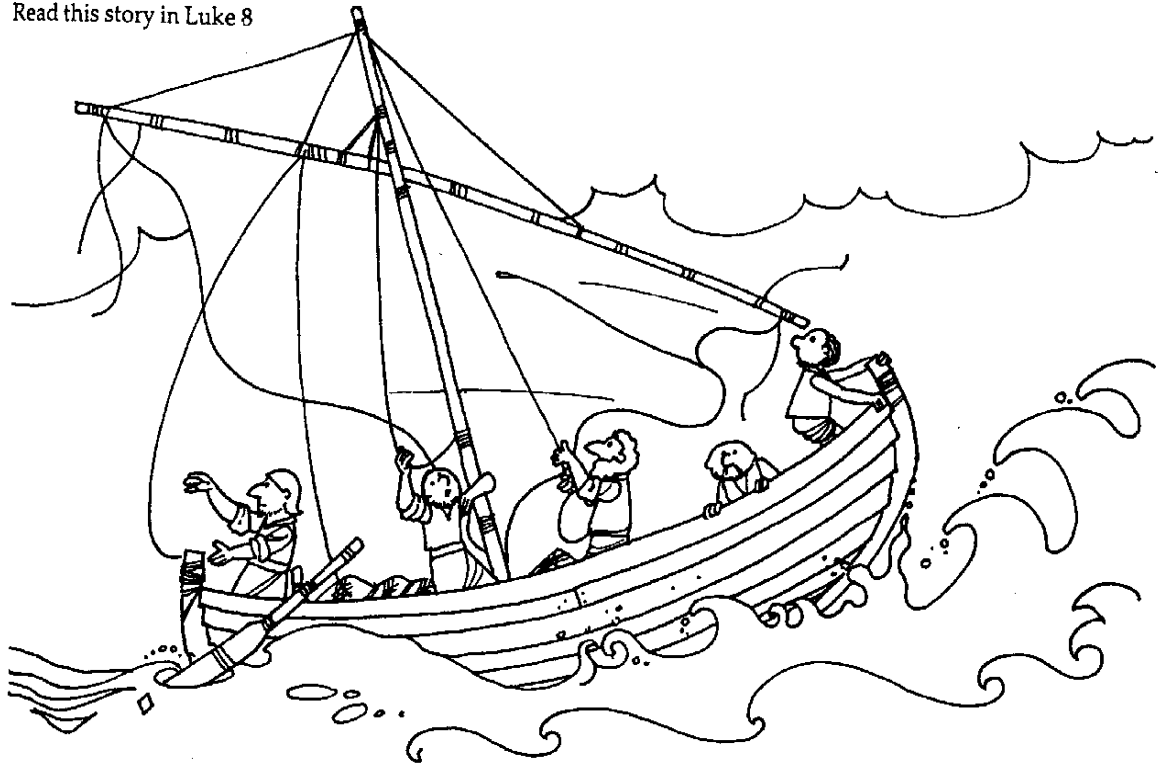
Stress will always be there, but God will always
be there too, and that is what gives us the edge!
Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own Understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths. (NKJV).

Don't worry about anything; instead,
pray about everything; tell God your
needs and don't forget to thank him
for his answers (Phillipians. 4:6 TLB)

How often we look upon God as our
last and feeblest resource. We go to
Him because we have nowhere else to
go. And then we lean that the storms
of life have driven us, not upon the
rocks, but into the desired haven.

George MacDonald

Read this story in Luke 8



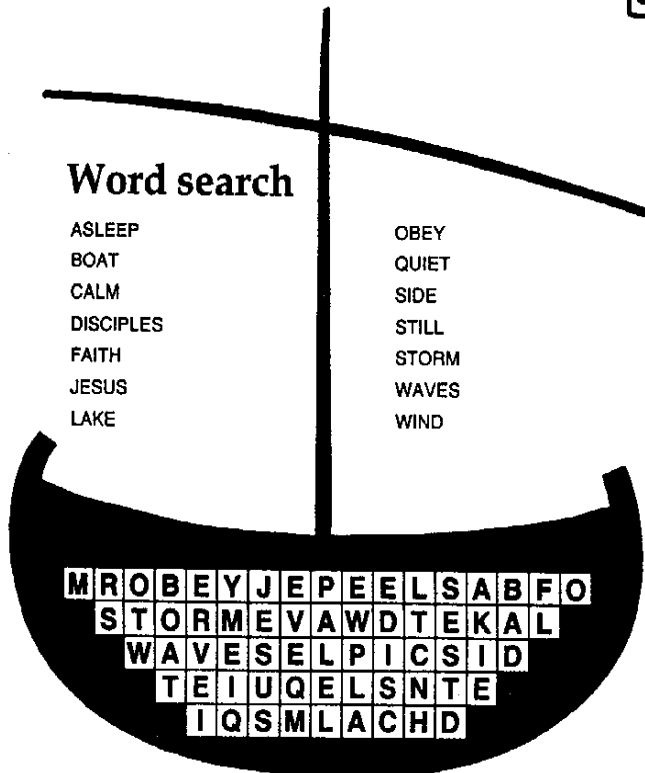
Even the winds and waves obey him

(Matthew 8:27)

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Draw a circle around those things you might find at the sea-side

