

Holytown Parish Church

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Welcome!

Welcome to the Autumn Edition of your Church newsletter!

It pains me to type 'autumn' when it feels like we are still waiting for Summer to arrive and I have not quite given up all hope that glorious weather is just around the corner...

With many of the Church groups starting back up after the summer break, there should be plenty reasons for you to get involved and play an active role in worship. If you have ever read about a group and thought it sounded interesting, now is the time to join in!

I hope you are enjoying your new look newsletter and are finding it easy to follow. As always, please let me know if you would like to contribute to the newsletter by speaking to me or contacting me at:

holytownpsnewsletter@gmail.com

Best wishes,

Lucy



Praise Gathering

Read all about the recent performance of the Praise Gathering



Random Acts of Kindness

Read about the work of the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation



Children's Corner

A little space for the little members of the congregation!

A Note from the Minister...

Rest and Relaxation!

When I looked at my year planner on the wall in front of me in my study I could hardly believe that it was February when I had last been on holiday - five months had come and gone since then so contrary to what some may think I was definitely in need of some 'Rest and Relaxation'!

Thankfully I have to say that is exactly what I found on our special holiday this year.

Normally it takes me a day or two to fully relax and clear my mind of everything back home and kind of park cares and concerns for a few weeks but that was not the case this year.

An early rise and flight to Naples, a wonderful car transfer through Naples to the port followed by a hydrofoil journey passing Vesuvius and Capri across to the island of Ischia.

There a further car transfer to the other end of the island to the outskirts of the wonderful village of Sant'Angelo where no cars are allowed - your luggage takes a golf buggy to your hotel, which you can take too if you wish, or you just walk the rest of the way.

It may seem hectic but no - arriving in the village brings an overwhelming sense of peace - it is palpable - there is a different pace to life there and that peace is further enhanced when you see the view from your room - the calm waters of the bay, boats bobbing up and down and Capri and the Amalfi coast visible in the distance - no traffic, hardly any sound but the lapping of the water - calm, peaceful and serene.

So relaxing and the thermal pools heated by the volcanic action were amazing and you often had them to yourself!

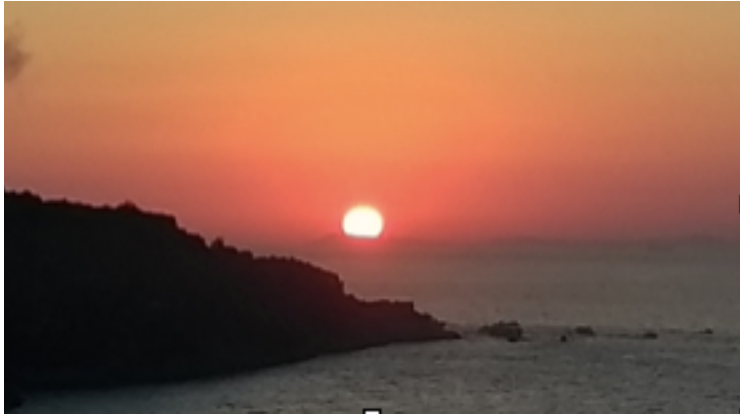
We did not want to leave Ischia - but we had to if we wanted to spend our next week in Sorrento!

The first thing we noticed after our week of tranquility and no cars was the busyness of Sorrento - so many people and so much traffic - and the Italian driving is certainly something else! We longed for 7.30 each night when parts of the town were pedestrianised and the traffic lessened.

We also noticed the heat - 40 degrees some days - for Italy was experiencing a heatwave and the Italians were calling this particular heatwave 'Lucifer' and one could certainly understand why!



It was still possible to find moments of peace and tranquility though like watching the beautiful sunsets each night from our balcony overlooking the sea.



Moments reminding us that God is indeed a wonderful creator!

Experiencing such tranquility after quite a busy few months brought home to me the need for times of rest and relaxation in our lives - times to reflect, times to recharge our batteries but also times to just get close to God once more, to remember his hand at work in the world and in our lives.

Throughout his life Jesus certainly took time alone with God so often - time away from the crowds - time to reflect and rest and relax in God's presence. He knew the importance of such times of 'Rest and Relaxation' for his well-being and so we should be seeking such times too!

I know for us this was a 'special' holiday this year and we were very blessed to have been able to visit such places of tranquility and feel such peace but we don't need just 'special' holidays to find times of 'Rest and Relaxation' we can make moments every day.

Moments when we can look around us and reflect on God's world and marvel at his creation, moments when we can stop and rest in his presence, moments when we can just rest and feel his peace and let him replenish us.

So 'Rest and Relax' and feel the peace!

Blessings

Caryl

You are invited to share in Communion
on Sunday 3rd September 2017,
Holytown Parish Church at 10am.



Summer Worship

It's been great joining with our brothers and sisters of Wrangholm Kirk down at New Stevenston during July and up here at Holytown during the month of August. It's been nice to join together in worship and to have some fellowship after the morning services. We hope Caryl and Graham have enjoyed their break and come back with us relaxed and refreshed for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

The Guild

Christine Duns

The Guild will be starting back on Wednesday 11th October at 7.15 pm in The Michael Sherry Centre, Holytown.

The night begins at 7.15pm and finishes anytime between 8.30 and 9 pm, depending on the guest speaker. A cup of tea and biscuit is always a good start to the night.

On 11th October we look forward to an evening of light entertainment with Peter Gardner and friends.

A warm welcome is always extended and it is a great time for fellowship, so please come along - it would be nice to see you!

1st Holytown Girls Brigade

Linda Baillie

The new session of 1st Holytown Girls Brigade will start on Wednesday 30th August 2017. This evening will be a games night from 6:30pm til 7:30pm for all girls aged from nursery to secondary school age. The cost to enrol is £10.

When you bring your daughter, please come into the Church hall and fill in an enrolment form so that we have all the information we need. Flyers will be distributed to the local primary schools prior to this enrolment night with more details.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Holytown Boys Brigade

Kenny Bell & Glen Baillie

The Boys Brigade 'Enrolment Night' is being held on the evening of Monday 6th September 2017, between 6:30pm and 7:30pm. If you know someone who may be interested in joining, please let them know that they would be most welcome. The cost to enrol is £10.

Social Committee / Friends of Holytown

May McNeil

You will see from our funds that we have been making some progress on our fundraising and we thank you for your support. We are continuing our efforts with the smartie tubes. Please feel free to uplift your smartie tube(s) from the vestibule of the Church and return it when you can.



The total amount raised to date is **£3,000.00;**

June	£136
July	Nil
August	£74.00

At the time of publication, we are still finalising our Autumn/Winter calendar of events. Some suggestions are undernoted and we very much hope that we can bring these to fruition.

Fashion Show (October, date TBC)

We hope to finalise the booking for our fashion show within the Church hall. The show itself will last approximately one hour and during this time a compere and models will showcase a current selection of discounted garments from your favourite high street brands. Afterwards, guests are free to try on the clothes and shop their hearts out.

All the items are at least 50% cheaper than the in-store RRP.

I have been informed the company cater for all shapes and sizes and stock from sizes 6-22 ensuring that there is something for everyone. Unfortunately, they only stock ladies clothes. They bring over 100 individual styles to our show and range from clothes, to accessories, to shoes.

Firework Event (November, date TBC) Church Hall Grounds

Christmas Dinner - Friday 8th December at 7 pm.

More information will follow regarding the Christmas Dinner.

Fellowship Group

The Fellowship Group re-commences on Thursday 14th September 2017, at 1:30pm till 3:30pm in the Church Hall. A warm invitation is extended to all. There are a variety of games available, also chat, tea and biscuits. Your suggestions and company are most welcome.

Thank You!

(If you have a message of thanks you would like to share with the congregation, please let me know and I can include it in a future edition).

Whilst we haven't received any messages of thanks for this edition, we would like to take this opportunity to say a special 'Happy Birthday' to Bob McLaughlin, who celebrated his 90th birthday in July! We hope you had a fantastic day.



In Your Prayers

In response to the terrible drought and famine being experienced in parts of sub Saharan Africa, where it is feared as many as 20 million people may be at risk as well as livestock and crops, the Very Rev Dr Russell Barr (immediate past Moderator) has provided the following prayer:

God of care and compassion

As Jesus once fed a great crowd with a few loaves of fish
and asked for water from a Samaritan woman
hear our heartfelt plea for people who cry out for food and clean water today.

We pray for the millions of people
in South Sudan, Somalia, Nigeria, Yemen and northern Kenya
suffering drought conditions and at risk of starvation.

Let their cry be heard in the corridors of power
that the world's governments and aid agencies
will be moved to provide emergency aid
to save lives as well as livestock and crops.

Bless our sisters and brothers with resilience and courage in face of their suffering
and lead us all to work and pray for a world
where the rich resources of Your creation are properly shared
and all God's people are able to live without fear of hunger and thirst
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Random Acts of Kindness

Lucy Reid

Social media can be a pretty dark place at times. It can often seem like a safe place to some to leave cruel comments from the relative anonymity of the computer keyboard.

Yet recently I discovered one page on Facebook which is determined to promote positivity. The 'Random Acts of Kindness Foundation' sets out to spread kindness in our everyday lives, stating that they "believe in the power of kindness to change the way people see and experience the world".

Through their website 'randomactsofkindness.org' and Facebook page, they share true stories of everyday kindness e.g. someone returning a lost purse, still full of money, and suggest ways we might carry out such acts ourselves. It is refreshing to read the spread of small stories of good news in what can seem like an otherwise bleak world at times.

It doesn't need to be a big act, a smile can go a long way.

“ How beautiful
a day can be, when
kindness
touches it! ”

– George Elliston

Flower List

Thank you to those who have already provided flowers to decorate the church so far this year.

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3rd Sept	B Meechan
10th Sept	J Hutchison
17th Sept	M McIlroy
24th Sept	J Shaw
1st Oct	J Bell
8th Oct	B Reid
15th Oct	C M Boyd
22nd Oct	N McGlone
29th Oct	J Bell
5th Nov	I McNally
12th Nov	C Bell
19th Nov	D Paterson
26th Nov	C Duns
3rd Dec	N McCartney
10th Dec	M Frazer
17th Dec	N McPherson
24th Dec	D Paterson
31st Dec	C Boyd

OVER TO YOU!

What would you like to see in this newsletter? Do you have something to share with the congregation that you would like to include in the next edition? Please speak to me if you have any queries - after all, this is your newsletter.

The deadline for the Winter Edition of the newsletter is Sunday 12th November 2017.

News from Overseas

Stewart McNeil

I have included articles before in relation to the Cochrane family who emigrated to Australia many years ago but still keep in touch with us. Only a couple of years ago Robert and his wife, Merlin were here on holiday and attended morning worship with us. Robert sent me the following information in June.

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Some info on my Aunt Janet .

Janet Cochrane was born in Holytown in 1931. She studied nursing at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary and finished her midwifery at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

She then joined the Queen Alexandra Royal Army Nursing Corps and commissioned as an Officer. Her service with the British Army took her to Egypt [during the heightened tensions over the Suez Canal], Gibraltar, Malaya [during the Malayan Emergency] and she also served aboard the Troop Ship Dunera which was transporting British soldiers and their families to Cyprus, East Africa and to the Caribbean. She also served in the UK, reaching the rank of Major before she Married Peter [Royal Navy] and the rules said she had to resign.

Janet continued Nursing in the UK until 1970 when Peter was posted to South Australia [Woomera Rocket Range Testing Facility] then finally settled in Canberra.

Janet & Peter were quiet stalwarts in the local community in rural Queanbeyan NSW, managing the country fire association and community hall.

Janet is survived by her husband Peter, brother John, niece Heather and family, nephew Robert and family, great nieces and nephews in Canberra and Adelaide.

There will be a funeral service to mark her passing at St Stephens Presbyterian Church in Queanbeyan NSW at 11am on Friday 16 June 2017 before she is privately cremated.

Sunday Readers

1st Oct	Jim Smith
8th Oct	Glen Baillie
15th Oct	Graham Kyle
22nd Oct	David Paterson
29th Oct	Paula Spiers

5th Nov	Ian Houston
12th Nov	Kirsty Shaw
19th Nov	Margaret Milne
26th Nov	David Shaw

3rd Dec	Christine Bell
10th Dec	Glen Baillie
17th Dec	Betty Reid
24th Dec	Graham Kyle
31st Dec	David Paterson

CrossReach

The Church of Scotland's Social Care Council has a remit to provide social care services in Christ's name and specialist resources to further the caring work of the Church to people in need.

CrossReach provides around 70 services at locations across the country. It has an annual expenditure of £45 million and employs around 2,000 people and has 572 volunteers.



An Important Date to Remember

Margaret Milne

Every year the Lutheran Church remembers the 31st October as a very special day. Why? This was the date in 1517 when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the door of the Schlosskirche (Castle Church) in Wittenberg in Saxony. Nothing happens purely by chance and this event is no exception.

One evening Martin Luther was walking back home through a wooded area when a thunderstorm broke out. A thunderstorm can be frightening but particularly so when among trees. It was during this storm that Luther shouted out that he would become a monk.

The church in an effort to raise money had introduced the Sale of Indulgences. The main perpetrator of this was Johannes Tetzel. The people were told that if they purchased an indulgence their deceased relative would go immediately to heaven. Luther was most certainly not in favour of this practice and it must have spurred him on to do something about it.

As a monk Martin Luther would spend time both reading and studying the Bible. As a result of his studies he became aware that the teachings of the church and what was written in Scripture diverged on quite a number of occasions. He pleaded his case with the senior members of the church but in spite of all his efforts he was finally ex-communicated.

Returning to the Theses they dealt with points from the Bible and also with the practices and procedures of the church. They aroused a great storm within the church. What must be realised is that the ordinary men and women would have required Latin to read the Bible. This made them pawns as far as the church's hierarchy was concerned.

The next main development was the invention of the printing press by Johannes Gutenberg. This was a major step forward. No longer would everything have to be written by hand. Many copies of documents could also be produced.

One evening as Luther was returning he was captured not by his enemies but by his friends who were afraid for his safety. He was taken to the Wartburg in Erfurt. The Kurfurst or Elector was in charge of the Wartburg and the area around it. Germany as we know it today did not exist. Unification did not take place until three centuries after Luther's death. While in the Wartburg, Luther set to work and translated the New Testament, considerably shorter than the Old Testament, into German. He is credited with having standardised the language. This was a tremendous step forward.

Don't imagine that Luther never left the Wartburg. He disguised himself and went out and about preaching the truths of the Bible. Judging from pictures of him he would have been difficult to recognise.

Other articles were written by him and thanks to the new printing press they could be distributed more widely. Articles written by Luther found their way into the Convent where Katharina von Bora was. Katharina had been deposited in the Convent when she was under twelve years old. It was almost inevitable that she would take her vows and become a nun. Luther's articles influenced her and despite the dangers she and other nuns fled. They managed to reach Wittenberg. After some time Katharina became Frau Luther.

Martin Luther lived in what had been a monastery. His study within that large building is surprisingly small. In what was the refectory he lectured to the students as they ate. That was the measure of his devotion to the Word of God. He always insisted that we should live by faith alone. His lectures became known as "Table Talk".

The thunderstorm which made Luther make his decision to become a monk, the Sale of Indulgences by Tetzel were to result in the 95 Theses being nailed to the Church. Luther's efforts to change the church from within led to his demise from that church. The invention of the printing press, the translation of the New Testament and the distribution of other literature were able to open the minds of the people. God's hand can be seen at work through all these events. Others such as Philip Melancthon would follow on and complete what had been initiated by Martin Luther.

What's On?

Self Awareness & Counselling Skills

Do you want to develop self-awareness & adopt a counselling skills approach to your work or voluntary activity? This course starts on Wednesday 25th October 2017 and takes place every Wednesday from 9.30am to 4.30pm at the Tom Allan Centre, Glasgow.

The course:

- Is designed for people in helping or caring roles in the workplace or voluntary activity.
- Helps the individuals who complete it to develop and apply counselling skills in non-counselling settings.
- Is a professionally recognised qualification in counselling skills.
- Uses experiential learning.
- Contains four strands: skills, knowledge, self-awareness and ethics.
- Provides 40 SCQF (Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework) credits at level 7, through Napier University.
- Provides an excellent starting point for those who are considering a career in counselling or psychotherapy.

For information and an application form contact The Service Manager tomallan@crossreach.org.uk Tel: 0141 221 1535.

‘Understanding Our Faith’ Conference

Date: Saturday 4th November 2017 (9:30am-4pm)

Venue: St. Matthew’s Church, Perth

Ticket: £20pp with a free copy of the Learn: Understanding Our Faith publication

Booking: <http://www.understandingourfaith.eventbrite.co.uk/>

A Great Learning and Development Opportunity

For Everyday Believers

For a Deeper and Clearer Understanding of Christian Faith

This Learn day conference on the theme of the Church of Scotland’s new Learn: Understanding Our Faith publication aims to encourage everyday believers to reflect upon what they believe and hope and to grow in confidence as they seek to share their faith in daily life.

Six core issues of Christian life will be explored in a modest yet tangible way:

- God, How do I know Him?
- Jesus, What does He have to do with Me?
- The Holy Spirit, Who is He?
- What is Church for anyway?
- What’s the Point of Discipleship?
- How will I know if I’m going to Heaven?

Contributors to the Learn: Understanding Our Faith publication will deliver talks on these themes and lead open discussions:

- Frances Henderson (Minister of Hoddum, Kirtle-Eaglesfield and Middlebie Parish Church)
- Paul T Nimmo (King’s Professor of Systematic Theology at the University of Aberdeen)
- Sarah Lane Ritchie (Research Fellow in Theology and Science at the University of St Andrews)
- Alexander Forsyth (Tutor in Practical Theology at the University of Glasgow and Associate Minister at Bearsden Cross Parish Church)
- Jan Mathieson (Minister of Williamwood Parish Church)
- Andrew Torrance (Lecturer in Theology at the University of St Andrews)

Alison Jack (Assistant Principal of New College at the University of Edinburgh) and Angus Morrison (Minister of Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church) will also deliver the opening and closing remarks at the conference.



Praise Gathering - Review

Anonymous

I'm writing this article on Monday 12th June while it is still fresh in my mind after four of us from the congregation attended 'Praise Gathering' in Glasgow's Royal Concert Hall last night. I believe others attended on Saturday evening. For me it was my first time attending this event but I can tell you I won't be missing it in future. I would heartily commend it to anyone reading this article and please, tell your friends and relatives about it. They will not be disappointed.

Praise Gathering has its origins in a choir which came together in 1985 to sing the 'Psalms Alive' songs, inviting singers - skilled and unskilled, but with a heart for God - to come and take part in this corporate act of Praise. The history of PG is therefore really a history of God at work in the lives of ordinary people who have experienced His love and forgiveness in their own lives, and for whom praising and worshipping with their voices is an expression of gratitude which can facilitate the joy of His presence. Over the years, many people have responded to that invitation and last year there were around 350 singers drawn from 140 Scottish churches and this year the numbers were similar.

The choir leader explained that the hymns being sung were modern worship songs mostly written in Australia or America although one of the songs had been written a few miles outside Glasgow in Greenock of all places. One of the hymn writers from America was Onaje Jefferson who sang a few solo songs wonderfully and when combined with the backing from the choir, it made the hair on my neck stand up.....in a really really good way. He also explained that music was a gift from God and should be appreciated as such and cited numerous passages from scripture that confirmed the importance of music to the Lord in making the joyful noise that would be pleasing and acceptable to Him. Well this choir certainly ticked all these boxes and then some. The sound produced by all these voices was incredible and I couldn't imagine anyone failing to be deeply moved by the combination of the words being sung combined with the massive harmonically delightful delivery.

A Poem

Smiling is infectious
 You catch it like the flu
 When someone smiled at me
 today
 I started smiling too
 I walked around the corner
 And someone saw me grin
 When he smiled I realised
 I had passed it on to him
 I thought about the smile
 And realised its worth
 A single smile of mine
 Could travel round the earth
 So if you feel a smile begin
 Don't leave it undetected
 Start an epidemic
 And get the world infected

Spike Milligan

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In the same way that a smile can go around the world, the same can be said of the good newsas long as we share it.

Retirement - Yet Another Observation

When my good lady gets in from work invariably I am asked what things are no longer on my 'to-do list'. Invariably my response is not quite to her satisfaction (gentlemen I hope you can relate to this!). Despite my lack of progress/achievement/completion I tend to feel as if I have been busy but find it difficult to explain...that is.....until I came across the following article. Every now and again someone puts into words what so many people are feeling! Read about this ground-breaking discovery and see once again if you can relate.

*"Recently, I was diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. –
Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder.*

This is how it manifests:

I decide to water my garden.

As I turn on the hose in the driveway,

*I look over at my car and decide it needs
washing.*

As I start toward the garage,

I notice mail on the porch table that

I sorted out earlier.

*I decide to go through the mail before I wash
the car.*

I lay my car keys on the table,

*put the junk mail in the bin under the table,
and sort out the mail that requires my attention
and notice that the bin is full.*

*So, I decide to put the mail that requires my
attention*

Back on the table and take out the rubbish first.

But then I think,

*since I'm going to be near the mailbox
when I take out the garbage anyway,*

I may as well pay any bills first.

*I take my cheque book off the table,
and see that there is only one cheque left.*

*My extra cheques are in my desk in the other
room,*

so I go inside the house to my desk where

I find the can of Pepsi I'd been drinking.

I'm going to look for my cheques,

*but first I need to push the Pepsi aside
so that I don't accidentally knock it over.*

The Pepsi is getting warm,

*and I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep
it cold.*

*As I head toward the kitchen with the Pepsi,
a vase of flowers on the counter
catches my eye—they need water.*

*I put the Pepsi on the counter and
discover my reading glasses that
I've been searching for all morning.*

*I decide I better put them back on my desk,
but first I'm going to water the flowers.*

*I set the glasses back down on the counter,
fill a container with water and suddenly spot
the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen
table.*

*I realise that tonight when we go to watch TV,
I'll be looking for the remote,*

[cont'd...]

but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table,

so I decide to put it back where it belongs,

but first I'll water the flowers.

I pour some water in the flowers,

but quite a bit of it spills on the floor.

So, I set the remote back on the table,

get some towels and wipe up the spill.

Then, I head down the hall trying to

remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day:

the car isn't washed

the bills aren't paid

there is a warm can of Pepsi sitting on the counter

the flowers don't have enough water,

there is still only 1 cheque in my cheque book,

I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses,

and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today,

I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day,

and I'm really tired.

I realise this is a serious problem,

and I'll try to get some help for it,

but first I'll check my e-mail and facebook....

Do me a favour.

Pass this message to everyone you know,

because I don't remember who I've sent it to.

Don't laugh – if this isn't you yet, your day is coming!!"

Why Go To Church on Sunday?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them.

So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column.

Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

Parish Register

Funerals

2017

May

Mary Anne Wilson

June

Mary Muir

Alexander Scott

July

Janice Irwin

Andrew Summers

Joan McCormick

Baptisms

2017

May

Emelia Jane Leggat

Finlay Wallace Leggat

June

Austyn Cameron Dalziel

*May the sun bring you new energy by day,
May the moon softly restore you by night,
May the rain wash away your worries,
May you walk gently through the world
and know its beauty all the days of your life.*



Financial Statement

Financial statement as at 31/07/17

General Income

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Freewill offering	9378.20	11125.07
Plate	3168.15	2739.85
Standing Orders	6055.00	4370.00
Hall lets	2809.50	1681.00
Funerals	820.00	790.00
Donations	2013.10	702.10
Magazines	130.00	110.00
Day of Giving	765.00	1055.50
Church Fayre	2833.68	3329.55
Gift Aid	7828.65	7201.53
Wrangholm linkage	1386.46	474.20
Christian Aid	496.01	623.25
Total General income	£37,683.75	£34,202.05

Fabric Fund	£501.94	£348.61
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Total Income	£38,185.69	£34,550.66
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General Expenditure

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Ministries & Mission	18316.20	18429.00
Presbytery dues	741.00	752.00
Insurance	2492.91	2724.26
Minister's expenses	543.15	553.81
Pulpit supply	200.00	190.00
Electricity	945.00	964.28
Gas	1898.10	5958.05
Telephone	626.03	364.75
Broadband	329.76	391.80
Council Tax	830.19	791.80
Organist/Church officer fees	790.00	960.00
Organ Maintenance	156.00	0.00
Garden/Grounds Maintenance	600.00	600.00
Paper/Toner/Copier Maintenance	531.08	255.55
Life & Work Magazines	136.50	120.12
Baptism Certificates	34.16	15.78
Church Bus	0.00	1100.00
Charities	496.01	823.25
Amazonia	101.50	0.00
Spill the Beans literature	48.00	40.00
Total General expenditure	£29,815.59	£35,034.45

Fabric Fund

Floor covering for Manse	387.13	0.00
Floodlight	126.01	0.00
Toilet lock	48.66	0.00
Fire extinguisher service	112.80	130.56
Fire Alarm/Smoke detector service	641.40	0.00
Insurance repairs	6000.00	0.00
Roof repair	0.00	125.00
Total Fabric expenditure	£7,316.00	£255.56

Total Expenditure	£37,131.59	£35,290.01
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Children's Corner

This is the space for the younger members of the congregation (although I suspect a few 'big kids' might enjoy it too)... Kids, let me know what you would like to see in this space!

Be forgiving

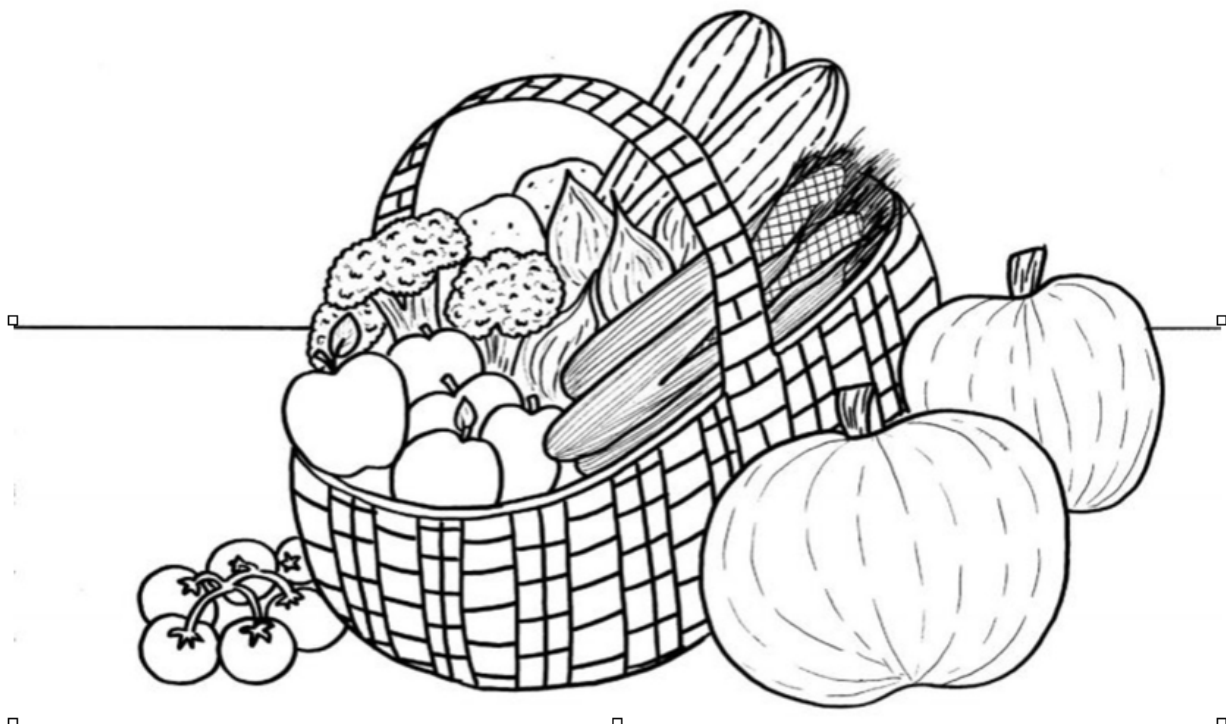
Matthew 18:21-35

A servant owed the king a lot of money. He asked for mercy and the king forgave him everything

At first the servant was very worried! How did he feel when he was forgiven? Draw his face

When another man, who owed the servant a small amount of money, asked for his mercy, what did the servant do?

Follow the line to see where the servant sent the man



Holytown Church of Scotland



G _ I L D

What is missing??

Y O U !!

Please come along - New session starts on

Wednesday 11th October 2017

in the Michael Sherry Centre, Holytown - Starts at 7.15 pm

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MATTHEW 7:12 CEV

ITEMS NEEDED

- TINNED MEAT ◀
- TINNED POTATOES ◀
- TINNED FRUIT ◀
- TINNED TOMATOES ◀
- TINNED HOTDOGS ◀
- LONG GRAIN RICE ◀
- TINNED MIXED VEG ◀
- COFFEE (SMALL JARS) ◀

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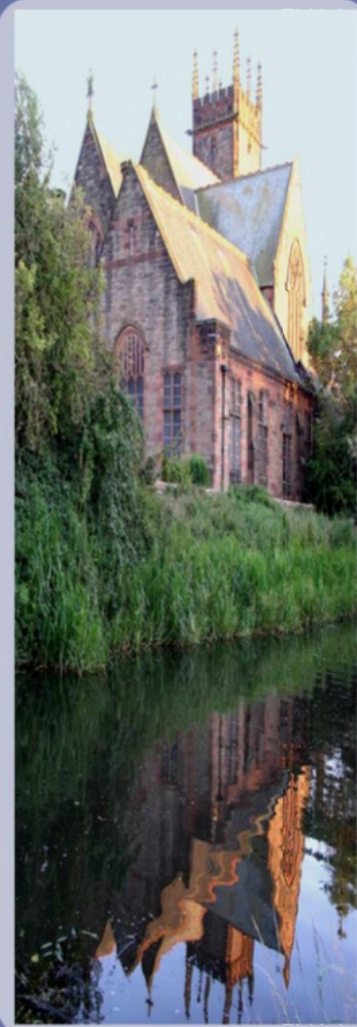
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- Standard excess of £100
- Option to add Personal belongings
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