



"Our Kirk Matters"

**HOLYTOWN
PARISH
CHURCH**

**September to
November 2019**

Edition 1

From our minister,

The Rev Caryl Kyle

Many years ago, when just newly married and living in Keynsham, where Graham worked for Cadbury's at their Fry's factory, I was feeling quite a bit homesick and finding it hard to settle into life way down there between Bath and Bristol.

So I decided to throw myself into creating our garden!

Cadbury's had found us, and the couple who lived below us, who had come down from Cadbury's Bourneville factory in Birmingham, our lovely two-bedroom flats which were part of a new build estate in a very quiet area of Keynsham.

Our garden was huge and of course, being a new build home, the garden was not really a garden at all at this stage but rather a dumping site for all the building rubble. However, to combat my homesickness and to help me settle in I threw myself into spending each day in my garden clearing a different area each time until it was all ready to be planned out and planted. I borrowed a garden design book from the library and set about designing our garden - choosing vegetables for here, flowers for there, shrubs for the shrub beds, and paths and patios to help make it a practical and peaceful place!

The couple who lived below us - who we called Mr. and Mrs. H. - had laid their garden to lawn because they were both nearing retirement and it was more practical for them but Mr. H., who by the way was Scottish himself, on seeing my ventures suggested to me that if I wanted

to try and attract the butterflies to my garden, and the bees to help with the pollination of all my plants, then I should make sure I planted a Buddleia somewhere in the garden. I took his advice and my Buddleia was duly planted and as it grew my 'butterfly bush' did indeed attract a few butterflies to the garden - and lots of bees making it a very fruitful garden. *

I also made sure that wherever we lived after that that there was always a Buddleia planted somewhere in our garden to attract the butterflies - and indeed it was delightful when we moved into the manse to see that the manse garden had one too and when we moved to our new home in Largs that we had to pass one every time we walked into Largs!

Now many times we have walked past that Largs Buddleia bush and noticed a few butterflies on it and taken time to watch them as they fed but last week on passing it we were enveloped in butterflies as they all took to flight at once as we passed and it was wonderful to stand still among them and see all these beautiful 'Painted Lady' butterflies fluttering around us before then settling down once more to feast on the blooms of the Buddleia. They were just not interested in the other blooms around them only the Buddleia!

It was quite surprising therefore to read the very next morning that there was an all-time high of Painted Lady butterflies this year and that this was something which occurred every ten years - we were also being encouraged to count those we saw and report on them. I certainly could not have counted the ones which fluttered around us the previous night because they were so numerous - as well as being so beautiful in the evening sunlight!

As always this made me think and believe it or not it made me think on the situation we have at present with the decline of our church.

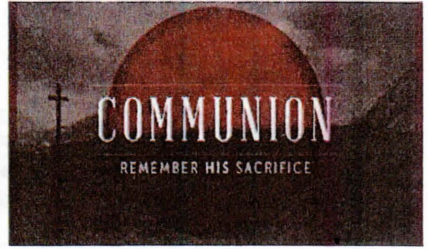
If a Buddleia is planted to attract butterflies what might we 'plant' as a church which might attract folk to us?

We may see only a few folk attracted to our church each year but maybe, just maybe, if we 'planted' the right thing it too might with God's help have a ten-year high when a multitude of folk might be attracted to us.

Of course, knowing what to 'plant' is the difficult part and the fruitfulness of what we 'plant' might take time to attract folk but like all those Buddleias I have planted over the years, the time will come I am sure, when we will be inundated but not with butterflies but with folk; for God is good and we just have to trust in him and keep 'planting' to attract all we can!

Blessings

Caryl



You are invited - All welcome!

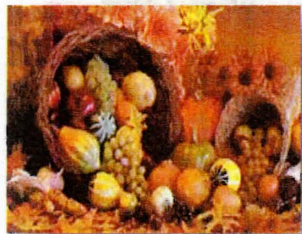
You are invited to share in
Communion

on

Sunday 1st September

Sunday Readers

SEPTEMBER	1st	Glen Baillie
	8th	Betty Reid
	15th	Graham Kyle
	22nd	David Paterson
	29th	Jim Smith
OCTOBER	6th	Kirsty Shaw
	13th	Ian Houston
	20th	Christine Duns
	27th	Una Smith
NOVEMBER	3rd	Paula Speirs
	10th	Glen Baillie
	17th	Betty Reid
	24th	Graham Kyle



Pastoral Care



If you know of anyone who is unwell, at home or in hospital or you feel it would be of benefit for our minister to visit, please contact Caryl by phone or e-mail. Alternatively, please contact our Session Clerk or speak to one of our Elders.

Contact details can be found on the back page

Prayer Lord you are our Father a loving parent who cares for us, your children. Here today we are just a few of your many million precious, loved and valued children. Help us to recognise the needs of our brothers and sisters - all made in your image. Hallowed be your name, not my name or any other. May your justice and truth reign on this planet which is stricken with poverty. When we ask for your kingdom to come. We do so laying all our resources at your feet. Help us, as part of your church, to be obedient to your call to look after people in need in your name. Give us your daily bread and help us to share abundantly the plenty that we have been blessed with. Amen.

From Peter Shaw, Editor Tear Times and Prayer Diary



Parish Register 2019

Funerals

<i>June</i>	<i>Lebra Russell</i>
	<i>Margaret (Meg) Morrison</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Helen Rodger</i>
	<i>John Taylor</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Ronald (Roy) Lynch</i>
	<i>James Stephen</i>

Baptisms 2019

<i>May</i>	<i>James Alexander Smith</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Michael James Logue</i>

Naming and Thanksgiving Blessing

<i>May</i>	<i>Jessica Scott</i>
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"I would like to thank Mrs Nancy McPherson for the lovely flowers she gave me from the Church. I would also like to thank Mrs Agnes Ferguson for the lovely flower arrangement she gave me from the Church."

Betty Reid

"Jim, Alice and Family would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards and gifts on the Baptism of our Grandson James (our wee Aussie). We would especially thank Caryl for a lovely Baptism service. Thank you."

Jim & Alice Smith

FLOWER LIST - 2019

If you would like to help in this so special outreach of love, please add your name to the flower list on the notice-board or alternatively, please speak to our flower Convenor, Mrs Christine Bell or one the Church Elders.

By adding your name, you are agreeing to provide flowers or a donation towards the cost of the flowers which adorn so beautifully the front of the Church. This gives so much support to so many when delivered to homes after the service.

The Flower List for 2020 is now ready for your names to be added. Once again, we thank you in advance for your kindness.

SEPTEMBER	1st	Una Smith
	8th	Betty McKenzie
	15th	Elaine Woodlock
	22nd	Billy McIlroy
	29th	June Bell
OCTOBER	6th	C. Boyd
	13th	Betty Reid
	20th	June Bell
	27th	Christin Duns
NOVEMBER	3rd	M. McPherson
	10th	
	17th	David Paterson
	24th	Billy McIlroy
DECEMBER	1st	
	8th	C. Duns
	15th	M. McPherson
	22nd	David Paterson
	29th	C. Boyd



We wish to welcome back all our young people to our Sunday School and we hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break.

We look forward to welcoming you on Sunday 8th September at 10 am in the Church for the beginning of the new Sunday School session.



1st Holytown Boys' Brigade

"We've got 16-year olds in our church, because we start with 5-year olds"

For over 130 years The Boy's Brigade has partnered local churches to work with children and young people, sharing the gospel and encouraging the development of a personal Christian faith.

Today the Boys' Brigade works with over 1400 churches of all denominations that use our programmes and resources to reach out to over 50,000 children and young people each week.

For many churches The Boy's Brigade provides a bridge into communities that they otherwise might find difficult to access. And remember through The Boy's Brigade church have opportunities to reach out to families with whom they would otherwise have no contact.

Our Company is organised into 3 sections with the following core ages:

Anchor Boys - P1/P3 (5 - 8 years)

Junior - P4/P6 (8 - 11 years)

Company Section: (11-18 years)

All sections meet from 6.15 - 7.45pm

Enrolment evening only will be held on Monday 2nd September 2019 at 6.30-7.45pm in Holytown Parish Church hall. Enrolment fee will be £15 per boy. The session will commence proper on Monday 9th September.

Vacancy: - Motherwell & Bellshill Battalion of The Boys' Brigade is looking for someone to run the BB Supplies Depot at its premises at Orbiston Street in Motherwell. This is due to the retirement of an Officer who has performed the role for over 30 years. The role would be voluntary. The primary responsibility of the role is managing stock levels and ordering replenishment stock from BB Headquarters. The Battalion will provide support staff to assist with the sale of the goods to the public, which currently occurs for a couple of hours on a Wednesday and Saturday. This a very important aspect of the funding of the Battalion's work in our towns. If you are interested, please contact Alan Brown 07974 964429 for further details.

Mr Glen Baillie,

BB Captain

1st Holytown

Girls' Brigade



Enrolment evening will be held on Wednesday 29th August 2019 at 6.30-7.30pm in Holytown Parish Church hall. Enrolment fee will be £15 per girl. The sections are as follows:-

Rosebuds - age 3 - nursery

Explorers - P1-P3

Junior 1 - P4 and P5

These sections meet from 6.15 - 7.30pm

Junior 2 - P6 and P7

Brigaders - S1 and onwards

These sections meet from 6.15 - 8.00pm

It would be great to see you all join us! For further information please add us on

facebook - Holytown Gb



GB is the place to bee...

Mrs Linda Baillie, GB Captain

The Guild



The Guild begins on Wednesday 9th October 2019.

It is held in The Michael Sherry Centre Holytown beginning at 7.15 p.m. Depending on the speaker, or what we have lined up that evening, it finishes around 8.30 or 8.45 p.m

ALL ARE WELCOME

men, women, cats, dogs, rabbits, hamsters, budgies - and uncle Tom Cobby and all.....

We have a great syllabus lined up.

Our numbers have been steady over the years, but we would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to come along and join in the fellowship - give it a try.

A cup of tea and biscuit (sometimes a cake or sweet) are always on hand and we offer a warm welcome.

Our session begins on Wednesday 9th October and every Wednesday after that till Wednesday 11th December. We then break for Christmas and restart on Wednesday 8th January 2020 finishing on Wednesday 11th March.

Check your diaries and if you have a spare Wednesday night during the above months then please come along. It would be good to see you.

While I am asking for new people to come along. I personally would like to thank everyone who has been coming along faithfully every Wednesday whether it be for one year, ten years or 30 years and longer. Thank you all for your support.

Look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 9th October.

Mrs Christine Duns, President

The Fellowship Group

The Fellowship group has already started, but we would welcome new members to enjoy a Thursday afternoon in the Church hall from 1.30 to 3.30 pm.

We enjoy tea and biscuits, a chat, dominoes and the odd quiz.

All will be made welcome.

Mr Bill Jenkins

General Assembly 2019

May and I had the privilege of attending this year's General Assembly as Commissioners representing this church from the 17th - 24th May in the assembly rooms in Edinburgh. Although quite a bit of time has passed since then, the following is a relatively brief report to share some of our experiences of that week.

When you get involved in a group in a work situation or in a social situation or even in a church situation, there is always chemistry between the individuals within the group. You feel aligned with some and unaligned with others despite the group, as a whole, probably having the same objectives. I experienced similar at assembly but in this situation, the size of the group was around 700. On looking around assembly hall I could see folk around the same age as myself that I guessed I could probably get along with. There were others where I thought to myself 'I could never see me

having a cup of coffee with these folk'. Despite this natural tendency to make judgement based on absolutely nothing but appearance, everyone we sat beside while having our roll and morning coffee and everyone we had some passing chat with were absolutely lovely. We ended up spending a fair amount of time with two women we had never met before. The first was Jennifer who is an elder in Denny and the second was Katie who is an elder in the Church of Scotland in Jersey in the channel Isles.

Over the week, we spoke to Iain Goring (a previous interim minister of our Church) and he's asking after you all. We spoke to David Young who you may recall, as part of his training to become a minister, led our worship on quite a few Sundays before Caryl came along and he was also asking after you all. I saw Colin Sutherland who was our Interim Moderator for a wee while but didn't get close enough to chat to him because of the crowds of tourists at the top of the Royal Mile.

Our week began at 7pm on Friday, the 17th of May. This session was predominantly for first-time commissioners. We had already received I.D. badges through the post but on arrival at the assembly rooms we were given a little keypad that clipped on to the I.D. badge. The main function of this was to register our attendance at each session but it was also used on a couple of occasions for voting. The business procedures were explained to us all and also how to get

to the various locations we may wish/need to attend in and around the building. All in all, it was very useful and took around 90mins to complete.

Assembly was formally constituted for the first time on Saturday 18th May. On that day and on each business day thereafter the day commenced with a service of worship. The new moderator, Colin Sinclair took up office with outgoing moderator Susan Brown giving a report on her year in office reflecting on her chosen theme which was 'walking with...'. The chosen theme of the new moderator was 'follow me...'. A lot of business was covered during the rest of Saturday and after that all finished, I had to attend a rehearsal for the serving of communion due to take place on Monday morning which lasted about 90 minutes during which May and Katie (new friend from Jersey) adjourned to the Radisson for some 'soft drinks'!

On Sunday 19th May we attended morning worship at St Giles Cathedral. The service was due to start at 10 a.m. but Caryl had told us to get there early. We arrived at 9.30 a.m. and were fortunate to get a seat. Many that arrived after this had no option but to stand for the full duration. If you ever find yourself moved by the words and music used in worship, you should make it a point to attend this service on the Sunday that lands in assembly week, you will not be disappointed. The organist was incredible but when the St Giles choir started up,

the shivers ran up and down my spine - in a good way. When the huge congregation joined in with the singing combined with the historic setting, it made for a very special experience indeed. The moderator delivered the sermon and before we knew it, the service was over. Although it lasted for an hour, it honestly did not feel as if an hour had passed. After that, there was time to grab a coffee and a sandwich before heading down to Princes Street Gardens for the 'Heart and Soul' event. The weather could have been kinder but despite this, it was well attended, all the usual stalls were there and the main stage had live performers. Our favourite was the Inbetweeners choir from St Marys in Motherwell who were great and performed for about 30 minutes. Monday began with the celebration of Holy Communion. The communion hymn was Ye Gates. I had seen at presbytery meetings that there is no musical accompaniment while singing a hymn, only voices but here with 800 voices singing such a rousing hymn with no organ playing along, what a wonderful sound was produced. It was incredibly moving. There was about 50 of us involved in the serving but after having rehearsed it, it all went reasonably smoothly.

It can be easy for us to be totally wrapped up in the business within our own parish. We often hear the church is not about the buildings and that it is about the people all over the world, our brothers and sisters in Christ, with a shared belief in this faith

that we all claim to follow. I would love to see the work of our church being more widely publicised and I would like to see more opportunities for mixing and meeting with our fellow Christians and forming Christian links at home and abroad. Maybe this is something we could all include in our prayers. If you have any ideas of how the church (locally or generally) could be doing better, please pass on your ideas to the minister or the session clerk and they will take your ideas to the appropriate committee at Presbytery where they will be seriously considered.

We took notes at all of the sessions but I came across an article in Life and Work that reports proceedings in a more effective manner. Please see link below:-

<https://www.life-andwork.org/news/news/post/1185-radical-action-plan-approved>

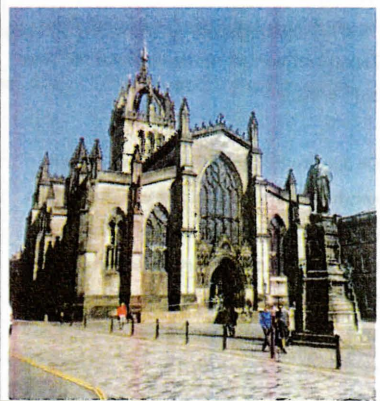
I thought it would be worthwhile sharing with you some of the Christian activity that is going on here and in other parts of the world to remind us what we are a part of.

This was indeed a memorable experience that we will both treasure. It opened our eyes to the range and diversity of activities undertaken by this church of which we are all a part. The names of many who contributed to proceedings had names preceded by Duke, Rev, Very Rev, Rev Dr, Professor as well as Mr, Mrs and Miss. We are part of an

organisation that includes men, women and young folks from all walks of life united in a common confidence and faith in the risen Christ.

Try and get to St Giles even if its only once to Sunday worship on assembly week. The Church is much more than a hobby. Christ isn't a signpost, He is the Way. If we disagree with a Christian brother or sister we should learn to disagree agreeably. Creating time and space to listen to God is vital. We need to develop a culture of innovation and encourage experimentation.

Stewart McNeil
Session Clerk



St. Giles Cathedral

Your opportunity to help shape the Church's plan for land and buildings

Over the next few months, the Church of Scotland General Trustees will be inviting your views on one of the most crucial issues for the future of our Church: how best to manage our church land and buildings. Every congregation and presbytery is encouraged to contribute through an online survey and a series of workshops across Scotland. Come along to a local workshop or watch the live webinar, and then take some time to fill in our land and buildings survey

The online survey will run until Saturday 12 October, giving you the chance to express your views on the best ways to manage, use and maintain our buildings for the future. It (and accompanying papers) can be accessed via the Church of Scotland Website.

Rt Rev Colin Sinclair, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, encouraged everyone to get involved with the process, saying:

"At the General Assembly this year there was an overwhelming endorsement of the need to change. The work of the Special Commission and the Radical Action Plan were adopted and work to implement them has already begun. However, it was stressed at the Assembly that there was a third aspect to this work which affects the land and buildings we use and the need for 'well equipped spaces in the right places' as a resource for worship, mission and outreach.

"Buildings are hugely important to everyone in the Church and we all have strong feelings about the buildings we know best. We need to get this right. So, I very much welcome the General Trustees consultation which asks all of us to complete the online survey on how best to manage our land and

buildings. This can be completed by individuals, kirk sessions and presbyteries and input at all these levels will be immensely helpful."

"This consultation is important, so I encourage everyone who cares about the Church to take time to work through the survey and make their views known. This will ensure that the plan that will go to the 2020 General Assembly will be the very best plan we can make for the future of our congregations as well as for the mission of the Church."

Have your voice heard

Read through the land and buildings plan proposals paper to get acquainted with the ideas being considered. The proposals put forward have been prepared in consultation with fabric conveners, presbyteries and other church representatives, and many of them were also considered at seminars throughout 2017-2018 where over 1,000 congregational representatives were present.

Next, book yourself a place at one of your local workshops through Eventbrite. During the events, you will learn about the proposals welcomed by the 2019 General Assembly and how to help shape the plan that will go to the 2020 General Assembly. Can't make a local event? We'll be holding a live webinar on Monday 7 October where one of our General Trustees and a representative from BEFS will be answering questions. More details will follow on this nearer the time.

Once you've had time to reflect on everything you've heard, it's time to fill in the survey. It takes 25-30 minutes to complete. All responses recorded will be anonymous and will contribute to the final consultation report, which will be publicly available. The General Trustees and the buildings consultancy team will use the report to help shape proposals which will be presented and voted upon at next year's General Assembly.

Local Workshops:-

Edinburgh International Conference Centre
- Friday 30 August, 10:30-17:00

Kilmarnock, The Park Hotel
- Wednesday 4 September, 10:30-17:00

Glasgow Trades Hall
- Wednesday 11 September, 10:30-17:00

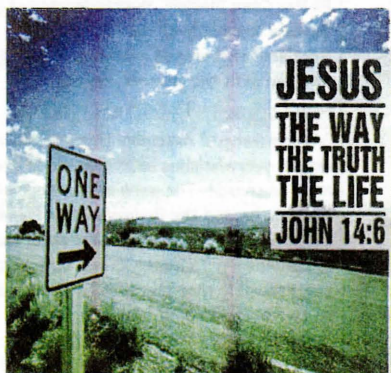
Lockerbie, Dryfesdale Country House
- Wednesday 2 October, 10:30-17:00

Webinar - The Church of Scotland website -
Monday 7 October, 19:00-21:00
University of Stirling
- Saturday 12 October, 10:30-17:00

"I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except by me. John 14:6

When you go to church or to work, you probably have a few different routes that you can take and, depending on traffic or other circumstances, we have sat navs, maps and signs to show us the way. We live in a pluralistic culture, where people will say that there are many ways to know God. But Jesus is THE way, THE truth and THE life!

Are you feeling uncertain about your faith or life today? Take some time today to reflect on the certainty of Jesus Christ.



Shop online!



As you may know we are raising funds to renovate the toilet in the Church and make it suitable for people with disabilities. We are hoping to receive donations through purchases made online by families and friends of the Congregation. We would be obliged if you would spread the word!

Do you shop online with Amazon, eBay, Argos, M&S, John Lewis, Clarks, GAP, Next, Debenhams, Booking.com, Thomas Cook, Expedia, Aviva, AA, RAC, ASDA, TESCO, Morrisons, Sainsbury etc? These are just a few examples of companies that will donate to good causes. There are over 3,600 companies to choose from.

Instructions:- Just log on to easyfundraising.org.uk

then select your good cause which is

Holytown Parish Church.

Then go to your preferred retailer, for example if you select Amazon this will take you to the Amazon website where you can shop and pay as normal. The retailer will donate to our bank account through easyfundraising.org.uk and all of this is at no extra cost to you.

What could be easier?

Since we launched in the Summer 2019 magazine our total to-date is £51.51. Thank you to all who have supported this venture to-date.

Happy shopping!!



Your activity:

£0.90

Raised this month

£0.90

Raised in total

Your cause:

£7.99

Raised this month

£51.51

Raised in total

8 GIFTS THAT DON'T COST A PENNY

THE GIFT OF LISTENING

But you must REALLY listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.

THE GIFT OF AFFECTION

Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER

Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you".

THE GIFT OF A WRITTEN NOTE

It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

THE GIFT OF A COMPLIMENT

A simple and sincere, "You look great in red", "You did a super job" or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.

THE GIFT OF A FAVOUR

Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

THE GIFT OF SOLITUDE

There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.

THE GIFT OF A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION

The easiest way to feel good is to make others feel good.

THE BEST GIFT OF ALL

Jesus!

Story behind the hymn "Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace! (how sweet the sound)
That sav'd a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears reliev'd;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believ'd!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promis'd good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease;
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who call'd me here below,
Will be forever mine.

It was written by a most remarkable man, John Newton. In his young days he was very wild and wicked; a sinner of the blackest dye, but by the grace of God, he was converted and became one of the holiest of saints, and the writer of this and many other beautiful hymns. The secret of his salvation lay in the happy fact that he had had one of God's greatest and best gifts; a godly, praying mother. She died when he was only seven, but she has so stored his mind with texts and Bible teaching, she had so prayed for him and dedicated him to God that her influence never left him.



John Newton was born in London, July 24th, 1725. He was an only child. His father was a sea captain and, at the age of ten, went to sea with his father. The young boy was thrown amongst a lot of loose and abandoned companions and quickly learnt their evil ways so much so that even among them he became notorious for wickedness. He would curse and blaspheme so terribly that even the men were surprised at his depravity.

He was subsequently forced by the press-gang into the Navy. He was soon promoted to the rank of midshipman but was soon disgraced and later dismissed for insubordination. He took service under a West African slave dealer and was at one time captain of a slave ship and engaged in the capture and traffic of slaves.

At the age of 23 a ship in which he was sailing encountered a violent storm, sprang a leak and was in danger of sinking. In his agony and alarm Newton cried aloud, "May the Lord have mercy upon us." This was the first prayer he had uttered for years. The ship was saved and he began to think and reflect on his life. He took his Bible, read and prayed, and slowly the light of Christ shone in upon his soul. He also came under the influence of a godly captain who greatly helped him.

In 1779 John Newton became the Rector of St Mary's Woolnoth, Lombard Street, in London, where for twenty-seven years more he lived and loved and laboured. The Church is close to the Royal Exchange and the Bank of England. His preaching attracted large crowds. No London clergyman of that day exercised a greater influence than did John Newton. His one desire was to show what Christ had done for him and could do for others. Two years before his death, when, on account of his age and infirmities, he was pressed to discontinue preaching, his reply was, "What, shall the old African blasphemer stop while he can speak?"

Basics Food Bank Lanarkshire



Food donations are most welcome. A food collection box is available at the vestibule of Holytown Parish Church every Sunday morning.

A typical food parcel includes:

- Cereal
- Soup
- Pasta
- Rice
- Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce
- Lentils, beans and pulses
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Tea/coffee
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- UHT milk
- Fruit juice

We are a Christian Charity based in Lanarkshire. Charity No: SC042625

From any of our four distribution outlets we are equipped to reach out to those in Crisis with the provision of a food parcel, toiletry items and a gift of Christian literature in the form of a gospel.

We are based in Motherwell Crosshill Parish Church, Wishaw Baptist Church, Airdrie Pilgrim Community Church and Viewpark Parish Church of Scotland.

Should you know of anyone in need, please contact the SCOTTISH WELFARE FUND on 0300 555 0405 as they could provide a financial payment to avoid having to come to a Foodbank. If this can't be done they will make a foodbank referral.

"TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD WANT THEM TO TREAT YOU"

Matthew 7 v12

Dear Lord,

Help us, as part of your Church, to be obedient to your call to look after people in need in your name. Give us your daily bread, and help us to share abundantly the plenty that we have been blessed with. Amen.

Listen to what others say.....

"It gave me such hope. I will never forget your kindness"

Lady referred from Womans Aid

"The Christian literature offered gave me hope"

Single Man

Social Committee /Friends of Holytown

Dates for your Diary

What's on!

 <p>JOSEPH PALMER PRESENTS MAMMA MIA! BROADWAY SINGALONG SINGALONG</p>	<p>Friday 4th October 2019</p> <p>Mama Mia Singalong</p> <p>(popcorn & nachos) - Church Hall @ 6.30 pm</p>
 <p>christian aid</p>	<p>Friday 11th October 2019</p> <p>Christian Aid Quiz</p> <p>Church Hall @ 6.30 pm</p>
 <p>CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY</p>	<p>Saturday 12th October 2019</p> <p>Church Grounds Clean Up!! @ 10 am</p>
	<p>Friday 29th November 2019</p> <p>St. Andrew's Night</p> <p>Church Hall @ 6.30 pm (Hot buffet supper!)</p> <p>£10.00 (Adult) £5.00 (child)</p>
	<p>31st December 2019</p> <p>Hogmanay</p> <p>Church Hall @ 9 pm (Hot Buffet supper!)</p> <p>FREE!!</p>
 <p><i>Burns Night</i></p>	<p>Friday 24th January</p> <p>Burns Night</p> <p>Church Hall @ 6.30 pm (3 course dinner)</p> <p>£14.00 (Adult) £7.00 (child)</p>



Did you know a smartie tube can hold
£27.00

of pound coins & £12.00 of 20p pieces.

Why don't you give it a try!!!

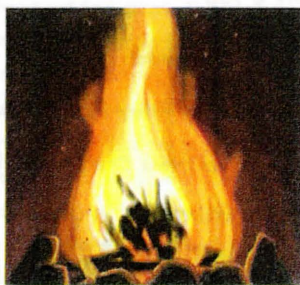
Just a wee note to say - Your Church
Needs YOU!!!! We value your friendship,
we value your contribution, we value your
input, we value your fellowship. Come
along and join us in our
social gatherings. Let Christs
living spirit burn bright among
us.

You've probably read about the man who
quit attending church and was visited by
his minister. According to the story,
"It was a chilly evening. The minister
found the man at home alone, sitting be-
fore a blazing fire. The minister made
himself at home but said nothing. After
some minutes, the minister took the
fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly
burning ember and placed it to one side
of the hearth all alone. Then he sat
back in his chair, still silent. The host
watched all this in quiet contemplation.
As the one lone ember's flame flickered
and diminished, there was a momentary
glow and then its fire was no more. Soon
it was cold and dead.

"Not a word had been spoken since the
initial greeting. The minister glanced at
his watch and realized it was time to

leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the
cold, dead ember and placed it back in
the middle of the fire. Immediately it
began to glow, once more with the light
and warmth of the burning coals around
it."

"As the minister reached the door to
leave, his host said, 'Thank you so much
for your visit and especially for the
fiery sermon. I shall be back in church
next Sunday.

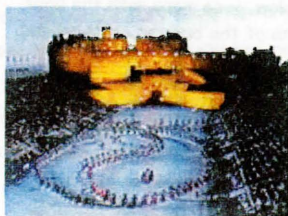


Balance @ May 2019	£7,080.
Paid in 29 May	£60.
Paid in 19 June	£90.
Paid in 29 July	£130.
Total at time of print	£7,360.

Social Committee

August 2020 - Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Once again, we intend to run a bus to the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo during the month of



August. Tickets go on sale Jan 2020. The cost will be in the region of **£40 to £60** per head but may be cheaper depending on seat allocation (including the cost of the bus). A sheet will be available shortly and should you wish to be included, please add your name. Please note all monies will have to be paid in full by end of December 2019 (giving you 4 months to pay in instalments should you wish).

Further details and final costs will be available once the

tickets go on sale. The Tattoo runs slightly later in 2020 from 7th to 29th August.

What's on!

Keswick in Motherwell

Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th September 2019

Dalziel St; Andrews Church, Motherwell, Withy special guest Speaker

JONATHAN LAMB

Evening Celebrations at 7.30 pm (and conclude at approximately 9.15 pm)

Special Friday Evening Meetings for Adults with Learning Disabilities

Missions Exhibition: Keswick Hub Coffee Area. Plus special guests each evening

For free tickets and full information

office@keswickinmotherwell.org

(01698 254848)

SCHEDULES for Keswick in Motherwell

The two morning sessions on the Friday and Saturday will run from 10am till noon: 2 x 45 minute sessions with a 30 minute coffee and fellowship break in the Keswick Hub (A room specifically set aside for refreshments that will also be open each day from 3pm to 5pm for coffee/teas etc.)

The Missions Exhibition area will be open each day from 3pm to 5pm, 6pm to 7.20pm and then from 9.15pm to 10pm.

Hall Lets - Meeting Conference Venue

Holytown Parish Church Hall is available to hire! For any general enquiries on hall lets, please contact Alice Smith:-

alicesmith51@gmail.com Tel: 01698 833190

<p>Facilities available to hire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Large Hall <input type="checkbox"/> Small Hall <input type="checkbox"/> Break out Room <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive parking space with overspill to rear <input type="checkbox"/> Projector and Screen available <input type="checkbox"/> WiFi <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled facilities 	<p>Let times available</p> <p>Monday - 9am - 4pm</p> <p>Tuesday - 9am - 6 pm</p> <p>Wednesday - 9am - 4pm</p> <p>Thursday - 9am - 12noon</p> <p>Friday - 9am - 10pm</p> <p>Saturday - 1pm - 2pm</p> <p>Sunday - 1 pm - 10 pm</p>
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Monday	Boys' Brigade	Church Hall
Tuesday	<i>Keep Fit - NHS Lanarkshire</i>	<i>(GP referral)</i>
Wednesday	<i>Girls' Brigade</i>	<i>Church Hall</i>
	<i>The Women's Guild</i>	<i>Michael Sherry Comm. Centre</i>
Thursday	<i>Fellowship Group</i>	<i>Church Hall (Afternoon)</i>
	<i>Bible Study</i>	<i>The Manse (evening)</i>
Thursday	<i>Keep Fit - NHS Lanarkshire</i>	<i>(GP referral)</i>
Saturday	<i>Baby Bellet</i>	
Sunday	<i>Morning Worship & Sunday School</i>	<i>10 am Church</i>

Whatever the next few months hold please remember God is bigger and stronger than anything you will face. Rely more on His strength than your own. If you're feeling overwhelmed, give it to God because His hands are big enough to hold your worries, doubts and fears.

A little girl was holding 2 apples, her mother asked for one. The girl quickly bit one apple and then the other. Her mother held back her disappointment.

Then the girl handed one to her saying:

"Here, This is the sweeter one"



Moral: NEVER JUDGE

Isaiah 40:28-31

28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

31 but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Those who trust in the LORD
will find new strength.



Isaiah 40:31

They will soar high
on wings like eagles.

They will run and
not grow weary.

They will walk
and not faint.

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2 Corinthians 4:16-18

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Christmas Angels



We are hoping to flood Holytown and New Stevenston with Angels this Christmas!

Our hope is that hundreds of tiny angels will descend on both villages on the Saturday before Christmas - which this year is the 22nd December.

Each of the tiny angels you have knitted will be a heavenly reminder to folk in our villages of the 'Good News' the angels brought when they announced the birth of Jesus.

The idea is that the angels will appear overnight, probably about 5a.m. in the morning, bringing people the good news of the birth of Jesus.

We will leave signs saying they are a gift from the church and the line 'Angels brought the Good News that Jesus had been born, and they still bring Good News.'

We hope this will be a fun way to bless people and remind them of the true meaning of Christmas!

We will also encourage people to take 'Selfies' with the angels and post them on social media - if I can get someone to help me set up a hashtag - like [#thanks for the angel](#) or [#angelsinholytown](#) or [#angelsinnewstevenston!](#)

The Christmas Angel pattern is available from the vestibule of the Church

Finance Report as at 31/07/19

General Income

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Freewill offering	7936.50	8076.50
Plate	3846.72	2686.31
Standing Orders	5920.00	6180.00
Hall lets	3292.50	2368.00
Funerals/Weddings	795.00	820.00
Donations	680.00	555.00
Magazines	155.00	130.00
Wrangholm Linkage	621.25	2631.58
Spring Fayre	2481.00	2666.19
Christian Aid	124.80	0.00
Retiring offering	433.00	0.00
Gift Aid	7852.45	7702.69
Day of Giving	100.00	0.00

Total General income **£34238.22** **£ 33816.27**

Fabric Fund **£ 248.88** **£ 305.30**

Total Income **£34487.10** **£ 34121.57**

General Expenditure

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Ministries & Mission	18468.00	18679.20
Presbytery dues	863.00	794.00
Insurance	2450.84	2512.65
Minister's expenses	565.68	566.16
Pulpit supply	330.00	340.00
Electricity	810.89	782.08
Gas	2718.10	3744.08
Telephone	374.70	452.31
Broadband	478.56	685.44
Council Tax	886.75	864.32
Organist/Church officer	0.00	410.00
Organ maintenance	162.00	0.00
Paper/Toner/Copier Maint	117.79	361.80
Life & Work Magazines	127.40	136.50
Spill the beans	0.00	38.00

Planner	0.00	7.99
Garden maintenance	0.00	600.00
Baptism Certificates	17.97	5.99
Audit fee	100.00	0.00
Wrangholm transfer	0.00	60.00

Total General expn **£ 28471.68** **£ 31040.52**

Fabric Fund

Fire Extinguisher service	138.60	251.70
Fire extinguisher replacements	268.20	0.00
Fire Alarm/Smoke Detec service	585.00	615.24
Asbestos survey	624.00	436.80
Boiler Manse	0.00	2200.00
Vacuum cleaner	0.00	55.00
Replace slates/clean gutters	0.00	150.00
Electrical checks Church, Hall	0.00	250.00
Gutters/drainpipes cleaned	80.00	0.00

Total Fabric expenditure **£ 1695.80** **£ 3958.74**

Total Expenditure **£ 30167.48** **£ 34999.26**

Investors Trust Funds

Balances as at May 2019 are as follows:

General Fund £13019.97

Reserve Fund £8270.71

Legacy Fund £832.14

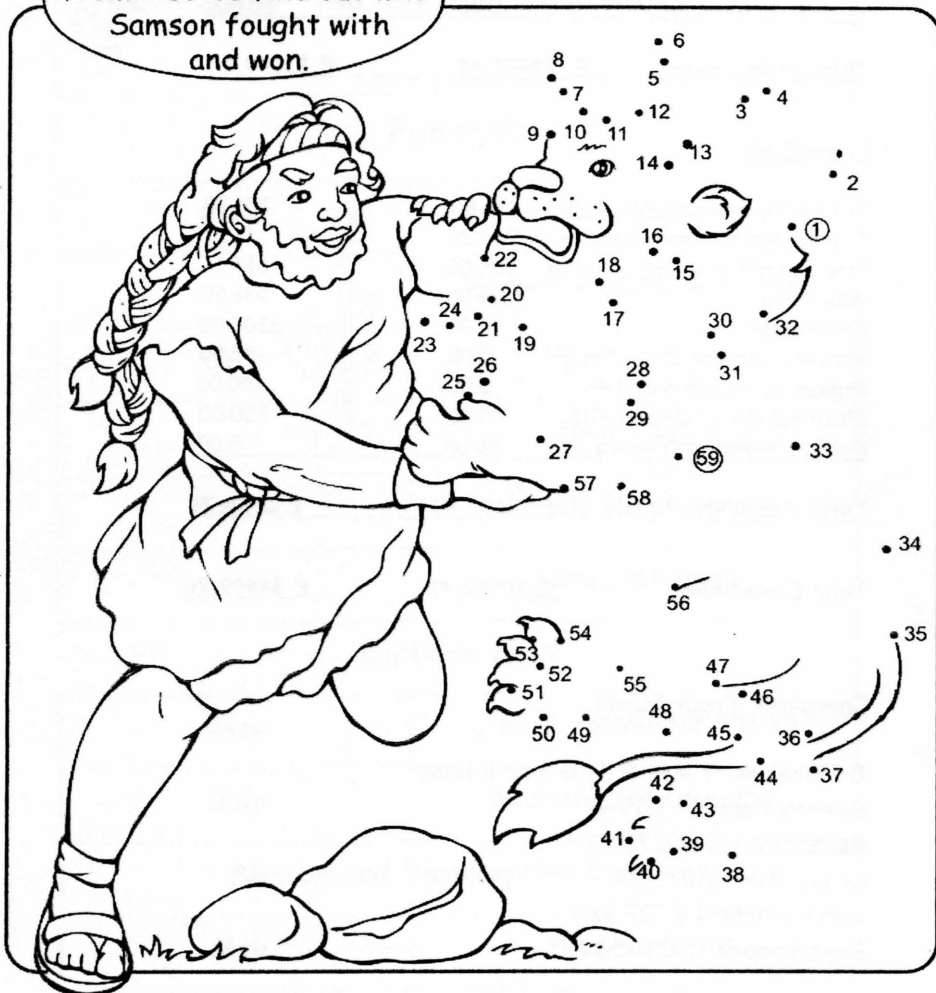
Sunday School £437.92

Boys Brigade £1084.58

For the kids.....and kids at heart!!!

Connect the dots from 1-59 to find out who Samson fought with and won.

STRONG SAMSON



God made Samson strong. God had said that Samson should never cut his hair or he would lose his strength. (Judges 13:1 - 14:7)

Places in the Old Testament

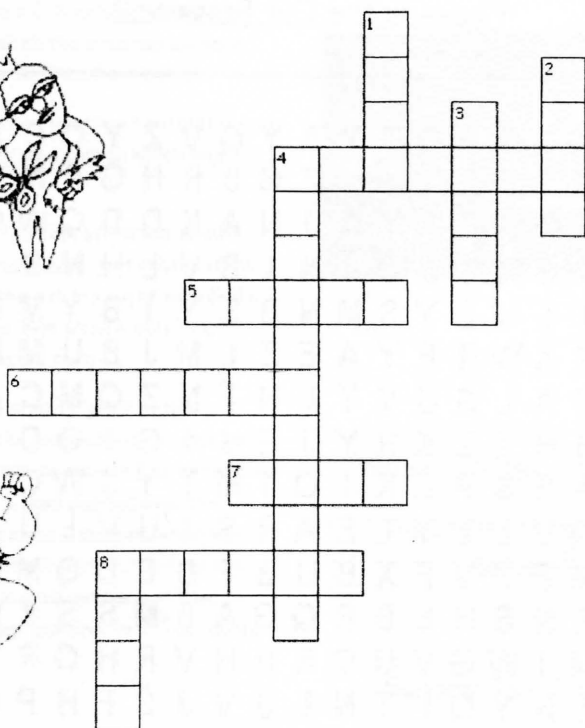
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Edom
 Egypt
 Gilead
 Horeb
 Israel
 Jericho

Jerusalem
 Judah
 Nineveh
 Samaria
 Shechem
 Sinai
 Ur

Samson & Delilah Crossword



Across

4. Samson wasn't perfect but God still gave him a ___ to fulfill.
5. Samson had to follow 3 specific ___ given from God before he was born.
6. Samson was tied to two of these and brought them down on himself and the Philistines.
7. Because of Samson's special strength he was able to kill this animal with his bare hands.
8. Samson wasn't allowed to eat or drink anything made from this fruit.

Down

1. Samson's secret strength really came from God but he only had strength if he didn't cut this.
2. Delilah did this to Samson's hands when he was sleeping to see if she knew the secret.
3. Delilah tried to trick Samson in giving up his secret so she could get some of this.
4. God chose Samson to free the Israelites from these people.
8. The Philistines captured Samson but his hair started to ___ and he got his strength back.



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