



INVITATION

You are invited to share
in Communion on
Sunday 28 August 2022
at 10 am

**'Our
Kirk
Matters'**

**HOLYTOWN
PARISH**

CHURCH

AUGUST

2022

Our vision is to be a living, caring church at the heart of our communities - celebrating worship, offering support, giving a welcome and sharing the good news of Jesus. (Morning worship @ 10 am)

From our Locum, Mr William (Bill) Hastings

Hi Folks,

We are nearly back to normal 'covid' wise and it is good to see new folk attending church. If you have not been for a while it would be good to welcome you back into the body of the Kirk. The singing has not been the same since you went missing!

As you know, I have a 'Reflection Time' in my sermon each Sunday. It's where we just sit quietly and pray to our Lord and Saviour in Gods house as his family of brothers and sisters and the good thing about that is we pray for each other, nice thought!

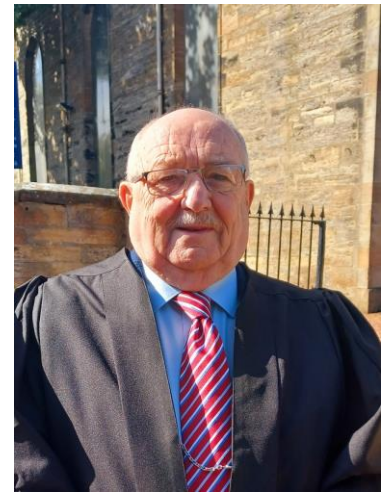
Here is a wee poem that just might mean something to you. Its called, 'Its wonderful what a HUG can do'.

*A hug can cheer you when you're blue
A hug can say 'I love You So',
Or "I hate To See you Go"
A hug is welcome back again.
And "Great to see you or where've You been"?
A hug can soothe a small child's pain
And bring a rainbow after rain.
The hug! There no doubt about it,
We scarcely could survive without it.
A hug delights and warms and charms,
It must be why God gave us arms.
Hugs are great for fathers and mothers,
Sweet for sisters, even for brothers,
And chances are some favourite aunts
Love them more than potted plants.
Kittens crave them. Puppies love them.
Heads of state are not above them.
A hug can break the language barrier
And make the dullest day seem merrier.
No need to fret about the stare of 'em
The more you give, the more there are of 'em
So stretch those arms without delay
And give someone a hug today.*

(Lady in McMillan House)

As it says in Mathews Gospel (Scots version)
There are plenty of rooms in ma Faithers hoose where
We'll aw be thegither wance mair.....

May God Bless you and yours.
Bill



Dear Congregational Members,

Presbyteries all over Scotland are currently trying to formulate plans to decide how they can best operate with the lower number of ministers available (due to smaller numbers training for ministry and many ministers retiring or being due to retire). They will also be assessing what church buildings will be retained and the church buildings that will not continue to function as they currently do.

The Mission Planning Team of our new Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale have been working together on the Mission Plan and are now at the point of being able to go back out to each area to meet to discuss their proposals. Each congregational area has been invited to send 3 representatives to a meeting to hear these initial proposals. The meetings are scheduled to take place during late August and September where the proposals for our congregation will be discussed.

Our Church Representatives are: Mrs Susan Reid - Treasurer; Mr David Paterson, Property Convenor & Stewart McNeil - Session Clerk. They hope to represent our congregation at a meeting on Tuesday 30th August. The meeting is for the Uddingston Area and this takes in the Churches of:-

Bellshill: Central, Bellshill: West, Bothwell, Holytown, New Stevenston: Wrangholm Kirk, Uddingston: Burnhead, Uddingston: Old, Uddingston: Viewpark

The format of the meetings with the Planning team will be as follows:-

Questions to the Planning Team for clarification

- Initial responses from one rep per congregation to the proposals (limited to 5 minutes)
- Break into charges to discuss what you have heard
- Plenary

Following the meeting, the Mission Planning Team are also inviting that if we have any constructive proposals or alternatives for the Planning team to consider that we email these proposals to them as soon as possible.

In some cases, we have been informed that there will be a couple of options presented for some areas and in other cases there may only be the one option. We have to note that this is still only consultation and nothing is as yet set in stone.

Presbytery do, however, realise that this is a stressful and anxious time for everyone and they are trying their best to be sensitive to that.

We do hope to find the way forward as we try to resource our church for Christ's mission with the reduced resources available to it.

Financial Statement as at 31/07/22

General Account

Balance held in Bank Account as at 31/07/22	£ 15355.41
Income for 2022	£ 23879.93
Expenditure for 2022	£ 24712.43

Fabric Account

Balance held in Bank Account as at 27/07/22	£ 1298.65
Income for 2022	£ 1908.50
Expenditure for 2022	£ 2627.00

Investors Trust Accounts

Balances held as at 15/05/22

General Purposes Fund	£13192.96	Interest added	£13.76
Reserve Fund	£ 2363.14	Interest added	£2.47
Boys Brigade	£ 1098.99	Interest added	£1.14
Legacy Fund	£ 843.17	Interest added	£0.88
Sunday School	£ 443.73	Interest added	£0.47

Comments

Overall, our financial accounts are still in a healthy position.

In August we will have an Accounts Audit fee of £100 and Travel costs of £67.50 to pay in addition to all other monthly direct debits.

We have received approval from Presbytery for the Annual Accounts. These will be forwarded to OSCR as soon as their updated website is available and we can re-register on it.

I would like to pass on my thanks to Bill Jenkins for counting the weekly offerings on my behalf whilst I was on holiday and off ill. Thanks also go to Isa, Bill and Stewart for visiting the Bank and providing identification as mentioned in Stewart's Thought for the Day although I'm not convinced it was his memory that was the issue, could it have been the ID was the problem?

I will be on holiday from Monday 19th September and will return on Thursday 29th September. Members of the Finance Committee will cover during my absence.

Susan Reid
Treasurer

FLOWER LIST - 2022

If you would like to help in this so special outreach of love, please add your name to the flower list on the noticeboard within the vestibule. Alternatively, please speak to our flower Convenor, Mrs Christine Bell or one of 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.

Once again, we thank you in advance for your kindness.



August	24 th	June Stewart
	28 th	Janie Shaw
September	4 th	Lexi Combe
	11 th	
	18 th	Wm McIlroy
	25 th	J. Bell
October	2 nd	C Duns
	9 th	Betty MacKenzie
	16 th	Irene Gilchrist
	23 rd	I McNally
	30 th	J Swann



The Guild

Just a reminder that the Guild will be starting back on *Monday 3rd October at 1 o'clock in the Church Hall.*

I have a jam packed syllabus and look forward to seeing everyone again

Remember the Guild is for men and women so please come along and try it.

See you in October

Christine Duns, Guild President



1st Holytown Girls' Brigade

The Officers will shortly be holding a meeting to discuss GB enrolment and further information will be shared via facebook.

Explorers - P1-P3

Junior 1 - P4 and P5

Junior 2 - P6 and P7

Brigaders - S1 and onwards

All sections meet within the Church Hall each Wednesday evening from 6.30 to 7.30 pm. It would be great to see you all join us when we start back for our new Session.

For further information please add us on **facebook - Holytown Gb**

Holytown Boys' Brigade



The Captain & Officers will shortly be holding a meeting to decide on the future plans for the Company.

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A quarterly newsletter is now produced prior to Communion Service and will be distributed by an Elder. You can also view online copies of the magazine via our website. We welcome your contributions so please do get in touch.



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