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The Messenger

Summer 2025

Love
one another

John 13:35

The Church of Scotland



GLANCE FROM THE MANSE



CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN
Untersberg nr. Salzburg

In May, I had the incredible opportunity of travelling to Austria with Esther. We stayed with a good friend, Val, who lives in Salzburg. We loved seeing the city, taking the cable car up the Untersberg, eating schnitzel with noodles, and appreciating a slightly different culture. The highlight, though, was the Sound of Music Tour!

I love the movie, as does Esther -and seeing some of the film locations was a memory we'll cherish forever.

We discovered that most Austrians have never seen the film. When it was made, 60 years ago, memories of World War Two were still raw; and the film was never dubbed into German, so it's inaccessible for many. Therefore, what do the people of Salzburg make of these tourists singing as they cycle?

On the day of Pentecost (which we read about it in Acts 2), the folks of Jerusalem wondered what was happening as folks sang and praised God - in a myriad of languages. One of Jesus' friends, Peter, stood up to speak and addressed the huge crowd in that city. He told them about Jesus, whom many would have seen crucified just 7 weeks before. He called on those listening to recognise who Jesus was, the part they had played in his death, and the new life He was offering. The message would have been raw ... but it WAS dubbed into their mother tongue and over 3000 people decided to follow Jesus that day!

Did all these folks respond because Peter made the message more palatable .. by watering it down or by saying folks could “pick and choose” the bits they wanted? Hardly!

Peter said, “Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

A challenging message but, also, what an incredible offer: forgiveness, new life, the Holy Spirit of God for you ... and your children!

You might be reading and wondering, “Why should I bother with Church? What could the Church do for me? Why would I ever have need of the Church?” The forgiveness, new life and promise of God's Spirit wasn't just for the day of Pentecost - it's for you, this summer, in 2025. And it can only be found in Jesus!

HOW DO YOU SOLVE A PROBLEM LIKE ...

WORLD POVERTY?

KNIFE CRIME?

THE SITUATION IN GAZA?

THE WAR IN UKRAINE?

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS?

CORRUPTION?



SELFISHNESS?

GREED?

ADDICTION?

PRIDE?

ANGER?

BAD THOUGHTS?

Huge external problems - and huge **internal** ones, cause pain and brokenness in our world. Even the smallest action, whispered word or unspoken thought, can destroy our relationship with others ... and with God. How will God solve the problem like me? By sending His Son to be my Rescuer, forgiving me, making me new. God hasn't finished with me yet; there's lots of work to be done. I'm asking Him to start at the very beginning ... maybe you will, too!

BB Report

The final meeting of the session and, indeed, of the 2nd Campsie Company took place on Friday 16th May. Parents were invited to attend for the last 15 minutes so as to be present when the boys were awarded their badges and certificates. Julie then thanked Hazel, Yvonne and Stephen for their many years of service, and some boys presented the gifts from the Kirk Session.



Ian Stirling and Catherine Drummond of the 1st Campsie (at Campsie Church in Lennoxtown) had been invited to attend. They were introduced and Ian spoke about the setup along at Campsie. Julie encouraged the parents to ensure their boys continued on their BB journey, albeit along the road.

More information will go out in August.

JOIN THE ADVENTURE



ANCHORS

Boys in P1-P3
Fridays
6.00pm - 7.00pm

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Boys in P4-P6
Fridays
7.00pm - 8.15pm

Company

Boys in P7-S6
Fridays
7.00pm - 8.15pm

ReStarts 12th September 2025

Milton Of Campsie Parish Church (MOCPC) Fellowship

The members of the MOCPC Fellowship enjoyed an interesting and varied schedule of activities and talks during the winter 24/25 season. Preparation for the 25/26 programme is well underway and will include a range of talks that will provide fascinating insights into local activities, history and geography as well as talks reflecting national or international interests.

The Fellowship meets at 7.30pm in the Church Centre on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month commencing on 10th September. Special dates to take note of include the Christmas Dinner on 10th December and the Scots Night to be held on 28th January 2026. More detailed information will be available when the calendar of events is published.

All are welcome to attend our meetings, so why not come and bring a friend? You'll enjoy the tea, coffee and informal chat afterwards as well!



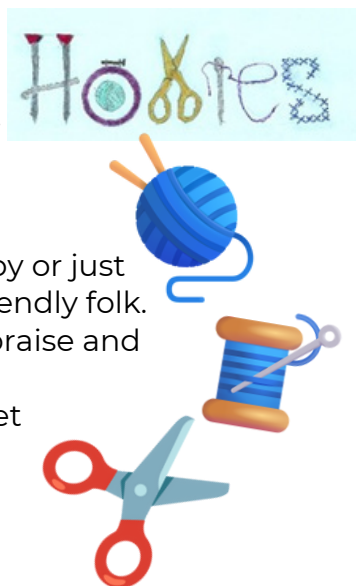
Hobbies Club

Our club meets in the Stirling Hall most Mondays 2-4 pm over the Summer Holidays, Except Monday 28th July and 4th August when GoMad will be on for the Children.

Everyone is welcome please bring your hobby or just come for somewhere to go and chat with friendly folk. Our group enjoy seeing projects and offers praise and encouragement.

At the moment we are doing knitting crochet embroidery rug making and bead work.

Please contact Louise on 01360311819



2025 Retiring Offerings

Following a rigorous selection process carried out by the Transform team, where a review of around 30 nominations made by members of the church congregation took place, the following charities were chosen to benefit from the monthly retiring offerings in 2025 :

January	Compassion
February	Interserve
March	Scripture Union Holiday Camp
April	Mission Aviation Fellowship
May	Mary's Meals
June	The Beatson Cancer Charity
July	Scottish Bible Society
August	Glasgow City Mission
September	Scripture Union
October	Refuweegee
November	Guide Dogs for the Blind
December	CHAS
Christmas	Lodging House Mission

Thanks to everyone who nominated charities - the same process will be adopted in late 2025 for the 2026 retiring offerings.

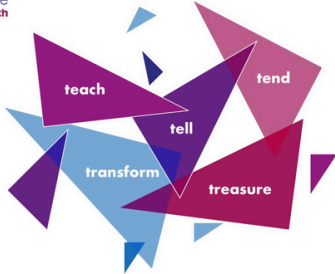


RechargePLUS

Saturday 6 September at 9.30 am
till 4.30 pm in the Renfield Centre,
Glasgow. Three of our folk are
already booked up for this. Why
not join us? Call Phyllis on
07582713463 for more details.

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TEAMS UPDATE



**OUR TEAMS MEET
EVERY 2 MONTHS TO
EVALUATE, PLAN, AND
PUT INTO ACTION THE
WORK OF THE
CHURCH.**

Thank you to everyone who is currently involved.

*There is so much going on as we serve our community
and live as those who are ALL FOR JESUS!*

*If you'd like to be involved in one of the five TEAMS, please
speak to Julie or someone who is already part of a TEAM.*



At the end of May, we said "THANK YOU" to Hazel, Stephen and Yvonne who, after years of dedicated service to the 2nd Campsie BB company, have had to stand down due to work commitments.

The boys in the Anchor and Junior Sections received their hard-earned badges and promotion certificates. Well done everyone for being such a great group over this past year.

The GREAT NEWS is that leaders from the 1st Campsie Company, which meets in Campsie Parish Church on a Friday evening, were there to introduce themselves and welcome all the boys to join them. More information on page 4.

MAKING SENSE OF MEMBERSHIP

If you have questions about faith – or about what it means to become a 'member' of the Church then this is the place for you! There is space for discussion, questions, exploring and, if you feel ready, to make public profession of your relationship with Jesus. More information on our website as term restarts.



Over 20 local kids booked up for the camp Julie leads at Gowanbank. Huge thanks to those who gave generously to subsidise the cost.



Lots of other holidays, plus training events for pupils in S4-6 are available. Please check out the SU website for more information.

The Church Rehoming Project



A huge thank you for your ongoing donations of good quality household items that you no longer need; bedding, towels, kitchenware, clothing (all ages), coats, shoes, toys, books and small items of furniture. Your donations are a real help to folks and they are extremely grateful.

I am happy to uplift your items and deliver them to the Pantry, a community shop in Ruchazie.
You can contact me, Ann on: 07952 838 860.

Thank you also to those of you able to deliver directly to The Pantry at 435, Gartloch Road, Ruchazie G33 3TJ. Opening hours for donations are Monday to Friday from 9:30 to 4pm. Its best to ring first in case they are closed. The shop is staffed by local volunteers. Tina the manager is based next door in the Fireclay Café, a community café.
The Pantry phone number is: 0141 237 4900

If you have good quality large items of furniture to donate, here are a few charities you could contact;

The Salvation Army: 0141 334 7253
Chest, Heart and Stroke Glasgow Helps: 07435 785 998
Shelter: 0141 332 8505

To donate baby and children's items you might like to contact Babes In The Woods, Bishopbriggs
Phone: 0141 258 7500 for further information.

Let's keep this going! Thank you for caring and making a difference.





Café Connect

Fun, food & fellowship at Café Connect on a Tuesday morning. Scones to die for! And such a warm environment.

Thanks to all the folk who work so hard to make it possible.

The Guild

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our new session, which starts on Wednesday September 3rd. We will meet in the Church Halls at 7:30pm that evening. Whether you have been before, or would like to come along and find out more about the Guild, it will be good to see you.



The Guild is very much part of our church family and our Devotions to our Lord are a key part of our meetings.

Indeed the national motto is: -
"Whose we Are and Whom we Serve".

Friendships are made; we fundraise for projects and charities; find out about subjects from 'beekeeping' to travelling 'the world' – we look at a large variety of topics.

Events in September will include the Annual Gathering of Guilds from all over Scotland in Perth on the 13th – tickets are available. National Guild Week is 14th to 21st and there's an outing with Campsie Guild to Breich Valley Guild in West Lothian on 24th September, a bus is booked.

If you have any questions or want further information, please feel free to contact Ruth on telephone 079 584 336 13.

Everyone is welcome!

Jigsaw

We have just finished another great, busy term at Jigsaw, finishing on our last Sunday going over to the park then back to church for some food, enjoyed by everyone!

This year we were joined with the older kids in Epic & Crossover so lots of fun was had.



Jigsaw is from age four through to P6, a church creche also runs for younger children. We meet in church for the start of the service at 11 am and, after family time, we leave to continue exploring the story which has been told in church. We have a great time looking at bible stories, playing games, often eating cake, and, just generally have lots of fun!

We start back on Sunday the 17 th of August, 11 am, we would love to see you there!

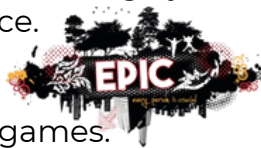
If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below.

Rhona 07950763536

Epic and Crossover

Each Sunday we welcome our P7, secondary and Uni age youth to join us in church for the first part of the service.

We then break away to another area of the church complex to unpick the bible verses and stories through chat, discussion, activities, and games.



We always start each session with a “how has everyone’s week been” listening and supporting one and other and celebrating achievements (usually..... well always, with sweets)

It is a vibrant engaging group who are keen to learn and explore the deeper meanings of the bible and relate them to our current lives both locally and globally.



We always have room for more to join us, so why not give it a go? If you would like anymore information contact Gillian Murphy on (07854 160757), Kirsty Lynch (07557 470679) or Jen Love (07923 621223)



Come and join us for some
'gathered prayer' time.
Every Wednesday 7.00 - 7.40pm
in the Eric Liddell.

All welcome.

Come as you can; leave when you must.



Come and chat through what has been happening in our times of worship together over the previous month - were there things that left you puzzled? Encouraged? Challenged? Did the choice of hymns help with the theme? Did the visuals add or subtract from what was being said? Which bits of the Bible passages merited further exploration?

First Sunday of every month,
12.45-1.45pm, in the Eric Liddell.
Bring a packed lunch!
All welcome - come and join us!.



The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Are read by more than a few,
But the one that is most read
and commented on
Is the gospel according to you.

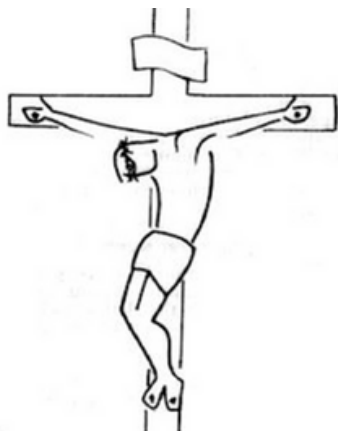
You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day
By the things that you do
& the words that you say,
Folks read what you write,
whether faithless or true,
Say, what is the gospel according to you?



Is there hope when the world is despairing?
Is there peace through the storms of life?
Is forgiveness a hallmark of all that you do?
What's the gospel according to you?

Do you speak of your brokenness mended?
Of your mess having been cleaned by the Lord?
Is grace for your sin lived out for all to see?
What's the gospel according to you?

Whilst others chase dreams and ambitions,
build their lives on achievements & fame,
Does your way show the solid foundation?
Are you building your life on His Name?



In your unsung acts of service,
in your love that is humble & true,
Your friends and your family are reading
the Gospel according to you!

TOWARDS UNION...

The following people have been appointed by the two Kirk Sessions to serve on the Steering Group:

Margaret Burton (MOCPC), George Kelly (CPC), Sue Mitchell (CPC), Gillian Murphy (MOCPC), Robert Scott (MOCPC), Margaret Tindall (CPC), Andy Waugh (CPC) & Rhona Wyper (MOCPC)



At the time of writing, there have been 4 meetings of the Steering Group, each facilitated by the Rev. Stuart Matthews (Maryhill Ruchill), and attended by the folks noted above plus the Revs. Laura Digan (Interim Moderator of Campsie) and Julie Moody (Minister of MOC on unrestricted tenure) Two further meetings will be held in August.

This Group is tasked with creating a **Basis of Union document**. That document essentially outlines: the name of the united congregation, which building will be designated as the Principal Place of worship and the fact that Julie has agreed to take on this change to her post.

It is hoped, DV (God willing), that the Basis of Union can be presented to the Kirk Sessions in September, and that the congregations, having been given due notice, can then vote at the beginning of October. Both congregations have a vote as to whether, or not, they accept the Basis of Union. The congregation at Campsie also get to vote on accepting Julie as the "sitting minister".

The results of these votes are reported to Presbytery and, if the Basis of Union has been accepted, then Presbytery would forward the relevant papers to the national committees overseeing the implementation of Unions.

It may well be that we could have a **Service of Union** by the end of November, and thus start Advent as a newly joined congregation.

The Presbytery of Glasgow is clear that only one of the buildings can be the “**principal place of worship**”, i.e. the venue for gathered worship on a Sunday morning. The other building will be used for a variety of outreach, nurture and social events, plus occasional worship services.

There will be a **new name** for the newly formed, newly united parish. Hopefully there will be more news about that in the next few months.

PLEASE BE PRAYING FOR THOSE ON THE STEERING GROUP. They have been entrusted with this task by the Kirk Sessions. It is a huge undertaking, and we need them to be visionary, strategic, mission minded and with a heart for fresh opportunities to share the good news of Jesus in both villages.

JOINT SERVICES OVER THE SUMMER - ALL HELD AT 11 A.M.

Sunday 29th June – Campsie

**Sunday 6th July – MOC
(thanksgiving for SU camp)**

Sunday 13th July – Campsie

Sunday 20th July – MOC

Sunday 27th July – in our own buildings

**Sunday 3rd August – MOC
(middle Sunday of GoMAD)**

**Sunday 10th August at – Campsie
(Back to School with God)**



Milton of Campsie
Parish Church



COME AND BE PART OF GOD'S WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY



Mending our Ways



What puts us off mending stuff when it breaks; -

- it's cheaper and easier for us to buy new, because there is not a scarcity in our shops and we have the perception of endless material resources?



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- we don't have the skill set to repair. We didn't learn it in school; we didn't learn it from our parents or grandparents. Is there anybody left to pass on the skills?
- Time is always against us so we look for the quickest solution, the instant result, we run to the shop now or buy online with next day delivery.

But

- we will take our car to the garage because it is a big expensive item and it's a hassle to buy a new one i.e. lots of paperwork to sort out and time to wait

So, is it a combination of perception, skill and time? Is there really an endless resource of materials to keep making new stuff? The simple answer is no. The solution to changing our ways is complicated.

Psalm 60:2 - Good News Translation

You have made the land tremble, and you have cut it open; now heal its wounds, because it is falling apart.

The act of mending things is a resistance against the culture of fast-moving consumerism. The act of repairing can be a mindful, it can be a contemplative time to think about the resources used to make the item, the materials, the people,

the transport. A time to reflect on what God has given us and how we use it.

God asks us to act with integrity, to act with urgency. To put the time into our actions. To think in the whole picture, rather than the immediate. To understand that learning the skill saves more than just our personal time, it's an act of service to God.

There is a global rise in the number of repair café's offering to repair items, to teach people repair skills and provide lending libraries for tools. The people with the skills are out there and volunteering their time to make such an important change to our lifestyle. Please do look online to find the closest in our area.

Repairing any item can bring a boost of joy into your day. The feelings of satisfaction when a broken item becomes functional again is uplifting.

Gratitude goes to God for

making all things possible. We just need to commit our time, and energy and skills to solving the problem.

Ecclesiastes 3:7 - Good News Translation

*the time for tearing and the time for mending,
the time for silence and the time for talk.*

Can you commit the time for mending? Can you think about the resources God has given us before chucking away an item that could be repaired?



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Claire Mould, Treasure Group



Christian Aid fundraising



Congratulations Jean McDonald. In the 60 years you've been "doing" Christian Aid, how many envelopes have you distributed? How many pounds have you deposited in the Christian Aid a/c?

We're delighted that this year's total (including Gift Aid) is well over £6000.

As you say yourself Jean, well done Milton of Campsie!

The **street collection** raised a massive £3,500.

The concert by the **Anderson Singers** - £1435.

Sponsored Bike/Hike - £725. And well done Jean.

In your own quiet way, you raise awareness and, very lovingly remind us what Christian Aid is all about. We believe in life before death – for us, for everyone, including the poor & marginalised, the rejected, silenced or erased. Thank you!

"A policeman's lot is not a happy one" being sung by the Anderson Singers (Director of Music – Phyllis Strachan).



Phyllis & Tom
hiked & biked.



The Day the Spirit Came!



Our children did us proud at Pentecostrama. Josiah, Isaac & Chloe read beautifully; Esther made us weep with her singing; & all of our youngsters were magnificent on The Fruits of the Spirit.



This happy bunch, representing St Paul's, St Machan's, Campsie & Milton of Campsie Churches sang & prayed their way through an Ecumenical Pentecost Praise in Battlefield Park. A lovely tea afterwards.



Labyrinth

During the 10 days between Ascension & Pentecost, we walked a spiritual “take” on 6 of the songs from The Sound of Music.

It's 60 years since these songs hit our screens but they are still being sung. Here Catriona & Molly work on the design. Thanks also to Isla.



“Let’s start at the very beginning”

Yes Lord! A new beginning please - for Ukraine, the Middle East, the world!
And me!

stingslet’s remember our favourite things. Count your blessings! See what God has done!

“The Hills are Alive”

Let’s appreciate God’s incredible handiwork. We marvel at the beauty of hills that are literally alive with the sound of music. Cowbells jingle. Birds sing. Brooks trickle & splash. Look to the Campsies.

“Edelweiss”

This song about a small & fairly insignificant Alpine flower helps Captain Von Trapp rediscover his love for family & music. Is there anything YOU need to rediscover? May you know in your heart the love of God that will bloom and grow forever.

“How do you solve a problem like”

Yeah! We get it wrong all the time! Forgive us we pray, in Jesus’ name.

“Climb Every Mountain”

As the Von Trappe family walk into freedom across the hills, the music soars & the credits roll. Who will be on YOUR list of rolling credits at the end of your life story? In the metaphorical film of your life will you appoint God as your “producer”, the Holy Spirit as your “director” & Jesus as your “leading man”?

“My Favourite Things”

One of the most optimistic songs ever written!
When the metaphorical insect



Hills Alive! Holiday Club

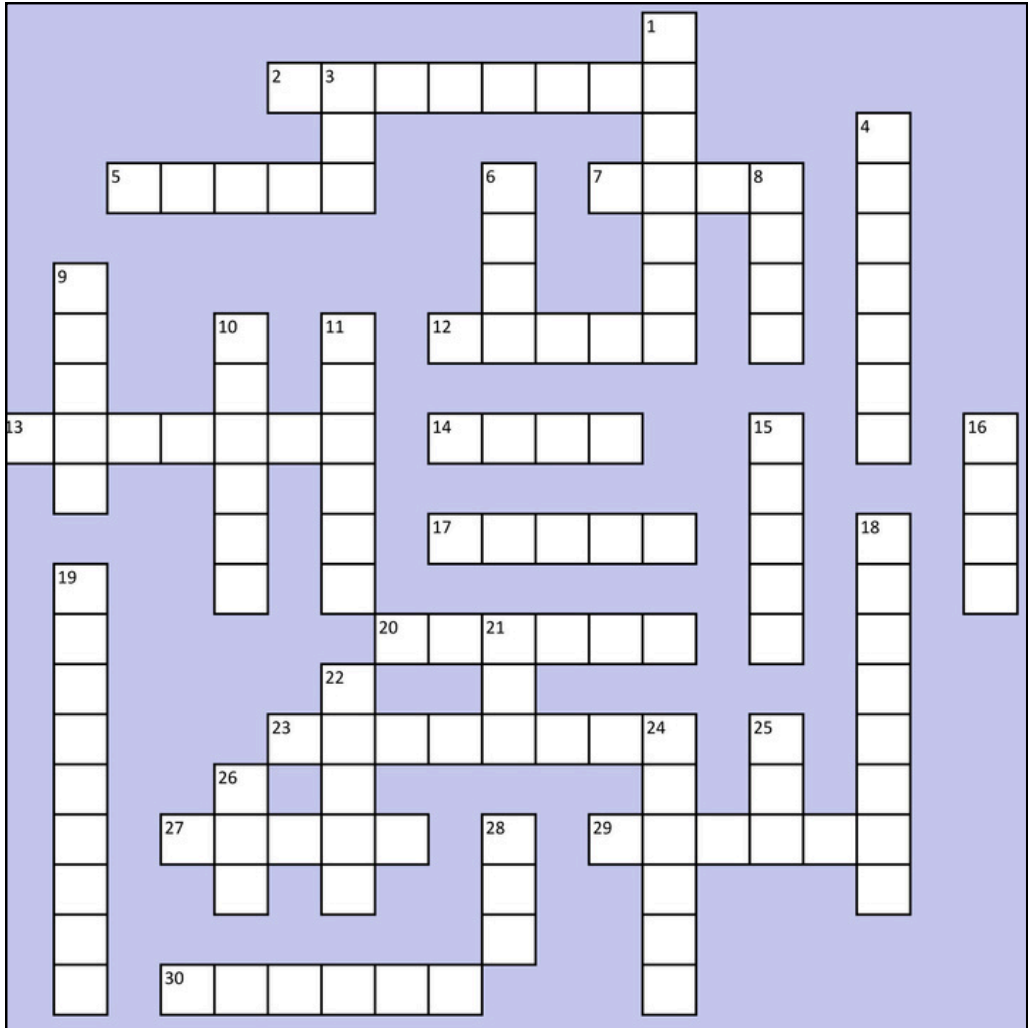
Some of the “Hills Alive” children who built a mountain, celebrated Jesus’ ascension, walked the labyrinth, ate mountain-shaped biscuits & sang a multitude of high & low choruses.



Can you solve this crossword?



Jesus' Miracles



Across

2. Jesus healed an invalid man at the pool called ____ (John 5: 1-9)
5. Jesus healed a ____ (Mark 1:40-45)
7. Jesus restored a withered ____ (Matthew 12:10-13)

Across (continued).

12. ____ healed the centurion's servant (Matthew 8:5-13)
13. Jesus cast out an ____ spirit (Mark 1:23-28)
14. Jesus raised the window's son from the ____ (Luke 7:11-18)
17. Jesus stilled the ____ (Matthew 8:23-27)
20. The great haul of ____ (Luke 5:1-11)
23. Jesus ____ ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19)
27. Jesus cured a boy who was plagued by a ____ (Matthew 17:14-21)
29. Jesus loosened the ____ of a man who could not speak (Matthew 9:32-33)
30. Jesus ____ the ruler's daughter from the dead (Matthew 9:18-26)

Down

1. Jesus raised ____ from the dead (John 11:1-46)
3. Jesus restored the ____ of the high priest's servant (Luke 22:50-51)
4. Jesus ____ the storm (Matthew 8:23-27)
6. Jesus cured a deaf and ____ man (Mark 7:31-37)
8. Jesus rose from the ____ (Luke 24:5-6)
9. Jesus opened the eyes of two ____ men (Matthew 9:27-31)
10. Jesus ____ the eyes of two blind men (Matthew 20:30-34)
11. Jesus healed a woman of ____ (Matthew 15:22-28)
15. Jesus cured Peter's mother-in-law of a ____ (Mark 1:30-31)
16. Jesus fed at least ____ thousand people (Matthew 15:32-39)
18. Jesus raised the ruler's ____ from the dead (Matthew 9:18-26)
19. Jesus cured the ____ (Matthew 9:1-8)
21. Jesus cured the nobleman's ____ (John 4:46-47)
22. Jesus cured a woman of an issue of ____ (Luke 8:43-48)
24. Jesus cured a man of ____ (Luke 14:1-4)
25. Jesus caused the ____ tree to wither (Matthew 21:18-22)
26. Jesus ____ at least five thousand people (Matthew 14: 15-21)
28. Jesus cured ____ demoniacs (Matthew 8:28-34)



Children's Colouring Page



Can you colour this picture of Jesus healing the man with the 4 friends?
You'll hear this story at GoMAD.



PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL CARE HOMES

What a privilege to be able to lead worship every month in the 4 care homes within the village! On the 3rd Sunday of every month, we venture into Birdston North, Birdston South, Kintyre and Lillyburn.

The staff are very accommodating and make sure that those residents who wish to attend worship are gathered and waiting. We sing a few hymns and old choruses, hear a familiar passage from the Bible, are led in prayer and say the Lord's Prayer together.

These times of worshipping together are marked by laughter, conversation and joy. They are truly ecumenical and well supported.



PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS



staff

others



pupils



parents



Give thanks for the 30 youngsters from Craighead who gathered at lunchtime for the Scripture Union.



Over the summer, our prayer is that many of the children in our community connect with GoMAD MARMALADA and 7-Up. The new term begins on Thursday 14th August. Pray for those who are starting at new schools and for all youngsters (and staff) as they settle into the new academic year.



BOAS (Bit of a Sing)



will meet again this year on the weeknights of GoMAD (except Tuesday Quiz Night). We'll practise the songs we'll be singing at the **Charity Concert on Thursday 7 August at 7.00 pm.**

Paddington was a refugee; so maybe Va, pensiero & the chorus of the Hebrew slaves could be on the agenda.

Admission to the concert is by donation. Last year we gave £250 to each of four charities. This year we'll split it 5 ways (Christian Aid, Scottish Bible Society, Breast Cancer Now, Strathcarron Hospice & Kirkie & Lenzie Build South Africa 2026).

The concert is always busy so come early. Considerate parking please. And a tea at 8.30 to die for!

Welcome back to



Strathcarron Singers



An hour of beautiful music followed by a delicious tea.

**Sunday 5 October
at 2.30 pm**

Admission by
donation to the
Hospice.

JOIN WITH US FOR WORSHIP!

COME ALONG ON A SUNDAY MORNING.
THIS IS, BY FAR, THE BEST OPTION



WATCH THE LIVESTREAM ON FACEBOOK:
MILTON OF CAMPSIE PARISH CHURCH



CLICK THE LINK ON X (TWITTER): @CAMPSIEOF

TUNE IN TO YOUTUBE FOR LIVESTREAM:
MOC PARISH CHURCH



YOUNG FOLKS MEET FOR EPIC & CROSSOVER EACH SUNDAY @ 11AM
DETAILS ON THE EPIC FACEBOOK PAGE.

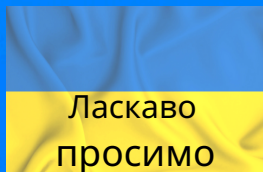


KIDS GATHER FOR JIGSAW
EACH SUNDAY @11AM



CRÈCHE FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!



COME AND JOIN US!
ALL WELCOME.



MOONCEON

Weather Bit

Answers:
"Once in a blue moon"
"A bit under the weather"

GoMAD QUIZ

We usually have a Rebus Round in our GoMAD Quiz, which this year is on Tuesday 29 July at 7.00 pm.

Teams represent many groups in the village & beyond. Why not come along for a great night of fun followed by a scrumptious tea?



7-Up

Along with a lot of help from other Team members, Beth & Charlie will be kick-starting 7-Up this year. This is for young folk in P7 to S6. Many of them will have been at SU Camp.

We'll continue by meeting each week night of GoMAD with Games in Battlefield Park at 7.00 pm followed by Food & Faith in St Paul's hall.



Paddington Prayers

Last year, Parable Prayers was popular. This year it's Paddington Prayers. Each weekday evening we'll gather at 8.15 pm for 20 minutes of intergenerational worship led by the Team. Supper will follow of course!

GoMAD Middle Sunday - 3 August 2025

Messy Church Beith will be joining us again this year.

Children – bring your parents along to do crafts, hear stories, sing songs & enjoy a buffet tea together.

After tea, you can stay on to watch one of the Paddington films. A day to remember!





Music plays a huge part in the GoMAD programme. Singing grace before every Team meal. Daily Harmony Group practices. Singing hundreds of choruses at MARMALADA. Learning new songs at BOAS for performing at our concert. An ecumenical six-hander written specially for that same concert. How blessed we are to have so many musicians from the very youngest to the most accomplished, giving freely of their gifts in song & a multitude of instruments.



For some it entails making the journey from the sublime to the not-so-ridiculous! Our Director of Music for the two weeks (Gareth) is seen with his Chapel Choir of Girton College Cambridge performing in Cremona Cathedral, Portugal.

Art too plays a vital part in GoMAD. Our Artist-in-residence, Jenni, provides all our logos & artwork throughout the year; and never ceases to amaze us with her creations. The “wings” from four years ago are a permanent feature in the David Livingstone; & the “stones at the foot of the cross” were added to our chancel last year. What will it be this year? we wonder.



The art project is a way of engaging with passers-by & making all of us think a wee bit more deeply about Jesus & His love for us. That's evangelism! That's GoMAD.



aged 13-15? you're invited!

have a go day

tuesday 29th JULY



Come and be a Team Member for one day -
experience the highs & lows, ups & downs, ins & outs,
banter & bliss of GoMAD... it could change your life!



08:30	Arrive for breakfast	16:00	Free Time
10:00	Help at Marmalada	17:15	Tea
12:15	Lunch	18:00	Harmony Group
13:00	What's it all about?	19:00	Youth Cafe / Bit of a Sing
14:00	Games or Art session	20:15	Sundown Service
15:00	Preparation	20:35	Supper & Free Time

please reply by text or call

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GoMAD 2025

27 July - 7 August



Every Weekday

Marmalada Holiday Club 10am - 12pm

For children of all ages in MoC Church Centre
(with lactose-free & gluten-free tuck available)

Marmalada Games/Art 2pm - 3pm

For children of all ages in Battlefield Park/MoC Church Centre

7-Up Youth Café 7pm - 8:15pm

for P7-S6 meeting in Battlefield Park

BOAS (Bit of a Sing) 7pm - 8pm

MoC Church Centre (except Tuesday 29 July)

Paddington Prayers 8:15pm - 8:35pm

a short intergenerational service in MoC Church Centre,
followed by tea & coffee



Other Events in MoC Church Centre

Tues 29th - Community Quiz 7pm - 8pm

Sunday 3rd - Service at 11am

3.00 - 4.30 Kinda Messy Church for all • 5.00 buffet tea for all

6.00 Screening of Paddington Film (PG) for all

Thurs 7th - Charity Concert 7pm - 8:30pm

MoC Church Centre, followed by tea & coffee

Community Art Project runs all fortnight

Litter Pick & Visits to Care Homes (tba)

Fairtrade Kilombero Rice on sale throughout the fortnight
(help send a child in Malawi to school)