

*do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink;
or about your body, what you will wear*

look at the

Birds of the Air

see how the

flowers of the field grow

Are you not much more valuable than they?

Matthew 6: 25-34

The Messenger

Midsummer 2026

The Church of Scotland



GLANCE FROM THE MANSE

I'm not sure I have ever been so warm in my entire life.

Taking my turn inside the Bluey costume made me appreciate what I'd been asking others to do ... on one of the hottest days of the year, the Sunday of the Long Weekend Festival.

There are so many things in life which we can only truly appreciate when we have experienced them ourselves. Whether that is the heartache of bereavement, the challenges of parenthood, the joy of a relationship restored, the sense of completion on graduating, the list goes on...



Just the other day, I sat in the waiting area of a clinic at Stobhill. I got chatting to a woman who was also waiting. We'd both had treatment for breast cancer in the past. As we talked, there were a few times where one or t'other of us said, "Well, you'll know..." Here was someone who had walked the same road, faced similar fears, endured comparable treatments. We had never met before, yet we understood one another. We are unlikely to meet again and, as we parted, the reassurance I could give her was that I would pray for her.

One of the things which makes Christianity distinctive is our belief that Jesus, God Himself, has suffered. He isn't distant, remote, uninterested. Rather, Jesus wept when His friend died; He knew hunger and tiredness; He experienced disappointment and misunderstanding. Jesus was rejected by His family, abandoned by His friends and treated badly by religious people. Jesus faced unjust allegations, a mockery of a trial, cruel scourging, and bullying. He died one of the most agonising forms of death.

People looked down on him.

They didn't accept him.

He knew all about pain and suffering.

He was like someone

people turn their faces away from.

Jesus also knows what it is like to face temptation – to have impossibly difficult decisions to make. He knows that there are times when we feel weak; when we get it wrong. Jesus is described in the Bible as being our High Priest – someone who can bring us to God, and who brings God to us.

We have a high priest who can feel it
when we are weak and hurting. We have a
high priest who has been tempted in every
way, just as we are. But he did not sin.

Hebrews 4: 15

I suspect, like me, there are times when you wish someone fully understood what you are facing. If you are blessed to have good friends or a supportive family, they may be doing their best to support and encourage you.

But no-one can be with us constantly; no-one else fully understands.

Jesus is the only One who walks with us through the darkest valley, knows what is going on our heads and hearts, promises to be with us always, and loves us completely.

You are not alone. Nothing you face is beyond Jesus' understanding and compassion. Call out to Jesus. Be honest with Him. Prayer doesn't need to be spoken words, it can be a cry of the heart.

Jesus "gets it". He longs to hear from you.

Every blessing – 

Jesus said,

"Blessed are those who are spiritually needy.

The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

Blessed are those who are sad.

They will be comforted."

Matthew 5: 3- 4





Jigsaw



During this last session we have had great fun looking at lots of different stories, portraying them in crafts, games, painting, play doh modelling, occasional drama, and just generally having fun.

We had our last Sunday recently when, during Family Time, at our church service Julie presented the children who move from P3 to P4 with a copy of The Adventure Bible, a lovely, illustrated bible for them to have and use.

We always encourage the children to come along to church during the summer holidays, Sunday Club runs, after Family Time, when there are games, crafts, juice & biscuits.

Our new term will begin on Sunday 23rd August, it will be lovely to see old faces as well as new ones. There is always space for anyone who would like to come along, aged 3 up to age 9.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like any more information.

Rhona 07950763536



Epic/Crossover Report



Each Sunday our young people join us in the church sanctuary for the first part of worship and family time before moving through to the other areas of the church complex to explore the bible passage through games, crafts and discussion .

Epic : P6+P7

Xover : S1- S6 and Uni age

Hoorah , it's the summer holidays! A well deserved break for

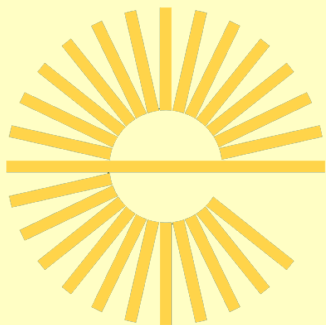
our young people from school, University and exams . We have enjoyed a busy session leading up to the end of term with lots of bible study , games ,laughter, support through exams and helping at the most recent holiday club “Marma Royal”.

During the summer our youngsters will be helping and participating at the 2 week extravaganza “Whack-a-Doo” holiday club which will be great fun and packed with activities and learning about Jesus.

Our new session will start on Sunday 16th August , so come and join us ! All are welcome

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

Fundraise while you shop!



You can use great website called **‘easyfundraising’** to help raise money for the church simply by shopping online. ‘easyfundraising’ turns your everyday online shopping into FREE donations when you use them to shop with over 8,000 retailers such as eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS and Booking.com.

Retailers then make a small donation to say ‘thank you’ and ‘easyfundraising’ gives those free funds to the cause.

Please register using this link: **www.easyfundraising.org.uk** and nominate Milton of Campsie Parish Church as your charity.

Plus, once you’ve raised your first donation, ‘easyfundraising’ will give the church a £2 bonus donation!

There’s no catch or hidden charges and the church will be really grateful for your donations.

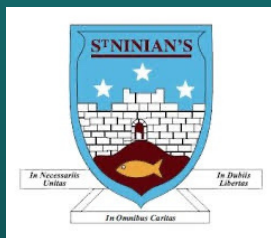
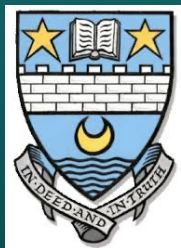
PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS



staff

others

pupils



parents



Give thanks for the 42 youngsters from Craighead who gathered at lunchtime for the Scripture Union Groups.



Pray for pupils and staff over these summer holidays – that each would feel safe, rested and encouraged. We pray that many local youngsters would come along to GoMAD activities.





7UP YOUTH CAFE

ST PAUL'S HALL • WEEKDAYS • 7PM-8:15PM

MON 27 JULY TO THURS 6 AUGUST

FREE YOUTH CAFE FOR ANYONE IN P7 UP TO \$6

GAMES • SNACKS • MUSIC • ART • DRAMA

MEET IN BATTLEFIELD PARK EVERY WEEKDAY AT 7PM

IF IT'S DRY, OR HEAD STRAIGHT TO ST PAUL'S HALL

(OFF BIRDSTON ROAD) IF IT'S RAINING



GO
MAD
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

MUSIC • ART • DRAMA

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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 items of furniture. Your donations are a real help to folks and they are extremely grateful.

Our local charity shops are often too full to accept donations, but its worth checking. The other options are:

The Pantry, a community shop, at 435, Gartloch Road, Ruchazie G33 3TJ. Opening hours for donations are Monday to Friday from 9:30 to 3.30pm. Its best to ring first in case opening times change. The shop is staffed by local volunteers. Tina the manager is based next door in the **Fireclay Café**, a community café, where you will be made most welcome.

The Pantry phone number is: **0141 237 4900**

I am retiring from uplifting and delivering items to the Pantry, run by **Growing 21**, but please don't stop!

If you have good quality large items of furniture to rehome, Tina may be able to arrange collection using the community bus and volunteers. If not 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.

Thank you, Ann



SCHOOL UNIFORM RECYCLING EVENT



♡ Give School Uniform a Second Life! ♡

Do you have school uniform that is no longer needed?
Instead of throwing it away, **donate** it and help
local families while **reducing** waste.

Good for
families.
Good for the
planet.



UNIFORM COLLECTION DAY

**SATURDAY
27TH JUNE 2026**

4:00PM – 6:00PM



MILTON OF CAMPSIE CHURCH



CAN'T MAKE IT ON THE 27TH?

Uniform donations can also be
dropped off at the church from
10:00AM ON ANY SUNDAY.

WHAT CAN BE DONATED?



- ✓ School jumpers and cardigans
- ✓ Sky blue polo shirts and shirts
- ✓ Trousers, skirts and shorts
- ✓ School dresses
- ✓ PE kits and sportswear
- ✓ Coats and jackets in good condition



Please ensure all items are
clean and reusable.

**GO MAD
FORTNIGHT**
27th July to 6th August 2026

All donated uniforms will
be on display during
Go MAD Fortnight
(27th July to 6th August 2026),
helping families access
affordable, sustainable
school clothing.



CHOOSE REUSE BEFORE NEW



Before buying new school uniform,
please consider taking a **donated** item.



Reduce waste
going to landfill



Help local families
save money



Lower the
environmental impact
of manufacturing
new clothing



Give quality
uniforms a
second life



DONATE ♡ REUSE ♡ RECYCLE ♡ SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY ♡

Together we can support local families and help our planet. ♻️

The Guild

We look forward to welcoming you to our new session, beginning Wednesday 2nd September at 7.30pm in the Church halls. It's always a delight to hear from our Minister, the Rev Julie Moody, leading us into our new session as Speaker at our first meeting.



As part of the church family in Milton of Campsie Parish, and the national Church of Scotland Guild, we offer 2 meetings a month from September to April, at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month, or 2pm on the 3rd Wednesday.

Our programme will include 2 fundraising concerts and a variety of topics from other specialised speakers, including charities such as the Guild projects, subjects on a range of interests and social events such as our Christmas celebrations.

The National Gathering of the Guild is in Perth on 12th September and Guild Week from 13th to 19th of September.

Like other CoS Guilds making friendships is a strong part of the Guild. Everyone is welcome to come along. We look forward to seeing you at any or all our meetings.

(For any further information please contact Ruth Lang on tel: 07958433613)

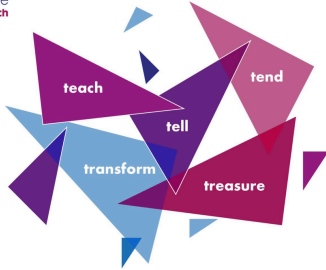
We have 2 new members and enjoyed meeting over the summer. More new member are always welcome, somewhere to go of a Monday afternoon, to meet with friendly folk practise your hobby or learn something new. We meet every Monday 2-4pm most of the year

Hobbies Group



The hobbies club is off on Monday 27th July and Monday 3rd August, restarting Monday 10th August

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.*



CARE HOME SERVICES

What a privilege to lead worship and be part of the
community at Birdston, Lillyburn & Kintyre Care Homes!
Services are led by members of the congregation on the 1
3rd Sunday of every month.



Fellowship Group



Hi everybody, the men and women of the church Fellowship Group hope you have had a good summer? We will be starting our new season of meetings and talks on Wednesday 9th September 2026. We meet at the church complex Lochiel Drive at 7.30pm.

As in previous years we have invited a number of guest speakers to talk to us on interesting topics. We close the meetings with a cuppa and a chat with our friends. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month September to March. It gives us the chance to meet up with friends in a sociable, relaxed environment, a good way to spend those winter nights.

The word “fellowship” is translated from the Greek word *koinonia*, and it tells us that right from the outset of the Early Church, believers entered into fellowship, interaction, mutual participation, and friendship with one another. The spirit of this “Fellowship” we continue today.

We thank God that we can meet safely with likeminded Christians and are able to bid a warm welcome those who are not certain of their commitment to Christ.

I once heard a quote, “The next best thing to being wise oneself is to be in the company of those who are”. Why not come along and meet with your neighbours in the village, enjoy the talks, the company the chat and of course the tea and biscuits. Hope to see you there.

Hugh Pritchard
Secretary Fellowship Group

DEC VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL



DISASTERS
EMERGENCY
COMMITTEE

Families and communities are mourning and in fear of their lives after two deadly earthquakes, with more than 30 aftershocks, caused utter devastation in Venezuela on 24 June.

Huge numbers of women, men and children have been left without clean water, food, shelter and power.



Residents walk past damaged buildings after an earthquake in La Guaira, Venezuela.

Homes and hospitals have been destroyed and access roads torn up.

With your support, we can provide life-saving water, food, health kits to treat basic injuries and shelter to some of the worst-hit communities in some of the poorest neighbourhoods. **Please give today.**

How to donate:

Give your donation to your church representative.

Visit **caid.org.uk/HelpVenezuela**

or scan the QR code to donate online.

Call **03300 434 101** to donate by phone.

Scan me



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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

Meeting in Campsie Church

This has been a super year for the 1st Campsie Company who meet every Friday evening in Campsie Parish Church, Lennoxtown. See the full report on opposite page.

There's always lots of fun, activities, projects, crafts and games, and a great number of boys from Milton of Campsie join with friends from Lennoxtown.

There's plenty of space for more to join the adventure.

For more information, please email:

jmoody@churchofscotland.org.uk

Restarts Friday 4th September 2026

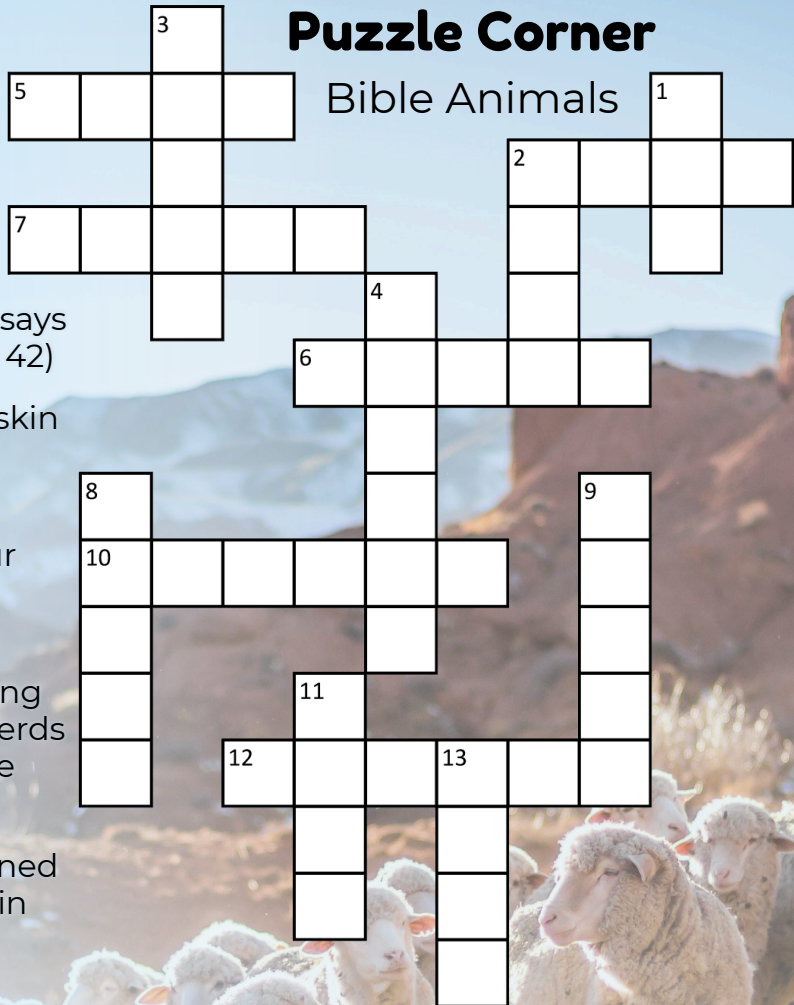
This year has been one of renewal and togetherness when we welcomed 2nd Campsie to become part of the 1st. After the challenges of rebuilding post-COVID, the sense of unity between 1st and 2nd Campsie has been inspiring. The Anchors, Juniors/Company Sections have grown in strength and numbers, and Friday nights have been alive with energy — games, crafts, singing, sharing, learning, and, above all, advancing Christ's Kingdom. The enthusiasm of the Boys and the dedication of the leaders have made every week something to look forward to. We also “enjoyed” an ear-piercing evening of laughter and shouts at the Panto in the Turret Theatre — always a highlight of the year!

The Company finished the session at the end of April — and really, who can blame the boys for wanting to head outdoors and make the most of those long, light evenings? The closing night was marked by an informal prizegiving, full of smiles and pride. Each Boy received the badges they had worked hard to earn throughout the year, along with a small gift from the Company as a token of appreciation. It was heartwarming to see so many parents gathered to celebrate their Sons' achievements, filling the hall with laughter, encouragement, and community spirit. Tea and cakes were shared by all, rounding off the evening in true Campsie style — simple, joyful, and full of fellowship.

And as we look ahead, there's even more to be excited about. The year 2027 will mark a truly historic milestone — 1st Campsie's 100th Anniversary, a century of faith, fun, and fellowship. Meanwhile, 2nd Campsie would have been celebrating its 50th year, another testament to the enduring spirit of the Boys' Brigade in our community. These are remarkable achievements, built on generations of commitment and care. Plans are already beginning to take shape for how we'll honour this legacy. We hope you'll be part of this journey into such a special year — sharing memories, making new ones, and continuing the proud tradition of Campsie BB as we step into our next century of service and adventure.

Puzzle Corner

Bible Animals



Across

2. A famous song says I'm thirsty (Psalm 42)

5. A son used my skin to trick his father (Genesis 27)

6. Samson tied our tails together (Judges 15)

7. I'm always getting lost - good shepherds come and find me (Luke 15)

10. We were drowned with our masters in the Red Sea (Exodus 14)

12. God promised you wings like ours (Isaiah 40)

Down

1. Jesus wished he could be like me (Matthew 23)

2. I found a very important branch (Genesis 8)

3. I find it very hard to fit through a needle (Mark 10)

4. Balaam was surprised when I spoke to him (Numbers 22)

8. I made a meal out of Jonah, but it didn't sit well (Jonah 1-2)

9. We ate some boys who called a prophet "baldy" (2 Kings 2)

11. John the Baptist compared Jesus to me (John 1)

13. Samson found a weird snack in me (Judges 14)

Colouring Page

Celtic crosses like these were carved by early Christians in Scotland, Ireland and other places. Try following the knot-like pattern with your finger - it reminds us that God never ends.





Speaking Volumes



We were delighted when our application for a £100 grant from “Speaking Volumes” was successful. This, along with £250 from the church has meant we have been able to purchase many new, up to date and inviting books for all ages.

A folder will be situated beside the library (to the left of the doors to the main sanctuary) where you can record what book you’ve borrowed. Can you please leave your name, a contact email or phone number and the date the book was borrowed.

Two of the books are from a series called the Wingfeather Saga by Andrew Peterson. Scott, one of our young folk, has written a review of the Wingfeather Saga book one by Andrew Peterson for the church library:

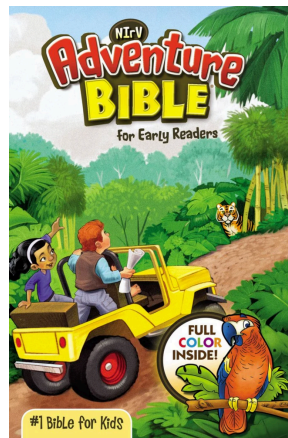


“I really liked the book The Wingfeather Saga because it has a lot of tension and suspense which I really like, it also has an adventure book and has a very good plot. It is about a family who secretly have the jewels of Anniera and are trying to hide from their evil rulers. They try to escape the fangs who burn down their village and use secret weapons to defend themselves. Overall this is a mystery an, adventure and a thriller all in one.”

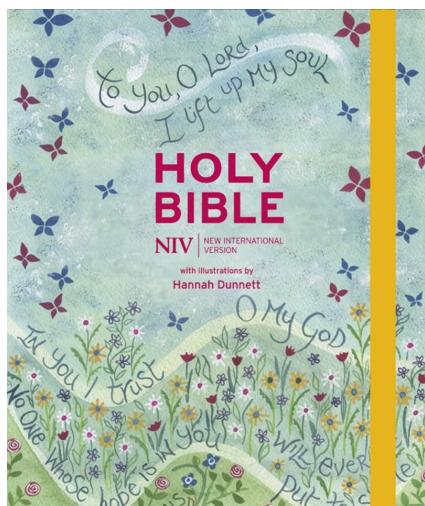
Check out these resources
For children...



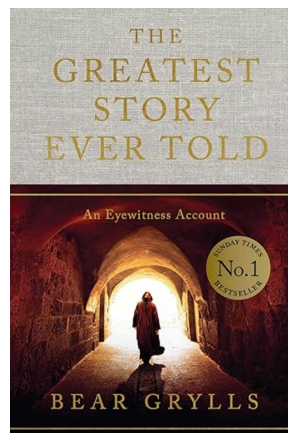
Both
available on
Prime



For adults...



Available
from the
Church
Library



Check out
<https://watch.thechosen.tv/>



The Crystal Vase

'Why does it always happen to me?' The broken vase glinted accusingly from the wet patio. 'Love your neighbour' they said. Everywhere they said it – wayside pulpits, posts on Facebook, and of course in that church she only set foot in when the Toby's nursery end-of-term service beckoned.

And now look at this. 'Every time I try' she kicked the shards fiercely. 'Every time, this sort of thing'.

'Her neighbour, it had to be admitted, was not the easiest personality. Their doors stood side by side - Sophie's scuffed green paint displaying a squint butterfly Toby had laboured over, tongue between teeth, marker pen (permanent, indelible of course) blackening his fingers. The inappropriately named Mrs Angel's door was pristine cream with well-polished handle and door knocker, and an unwelcoming, impenetrable look. Suits her, Sophie often thought.

It was outside these contrasting portals that they had met that morning. Mrs Angel was carrying a heavy vase, full of wilting roses. 'Can I help you?' Sophie surprised herself by asking.



Photo by Christian Stahl on Unsplash

'Yes, you can'. Peremptory, commanding. Mrs. Angel pushed the heavy vase into Sophie's arms. 'Take this, wash it out, dry and buff it up. Don't drop it, mind. It was my mother's'.

The cream door snapped shut.

She had been careful, really she had. But she just didn't see it – Mrs. Angel's sleek, fat, contemptuous black cat. A ferocious hiss, a swipe to her shin with razor sharp claws, then the sickening explosion of crystal on concrete.



So much for love your neighbour. Never ends well.

A window opened. Mrs. Angel's perfectly coiffed head poked out. Surveyed the devastation. Nodded.

'Come in.' No arguing allowed. Sophie obeyed. 'Here, take this'. Damp cloth, Dettol handed to her. 'Kettle's on. Sort yourself out in the bathroom and come through'. Sophie obeyed. She was getting the hang of this relationship now.

The tea was hot, strong. Calorific slice of cake.

'Sorry about the cat – cussed little sod. Good of you to try. Never liked that vase anyway – mother was a witch'.

Sophie tried not to choke.

'Need a lift to church. You up for doing that? You and that lad of yours. I like kids. Some of them, anyway'.



So started Sophi's spiritual journey. Which ended up with her joining the church, buying a bible and being constantly amazed at the quirky ways God works. Maybe – just maybe - Mrs. Angel was not wrongly named after all.

by Meg Lindsay

The Long Weekend Festival



Six tables, a plethora of banners & many helpers brought the Church's message to Milton of Campsie's Long Weekend Festival. What a weekend it was. And what a privilege for us to leave our cosy building & share the Jesus message with our village.



Children queued up to get their photo taken with Bluey; & many of them signed up for our Whack-a-doo Holiday Club.

The Gospel for Glasgow was freely distributed & appreciated, crosses were decorated, prayers were written, wildflower seeds distributed, and Julie posed with Bluey. **Huge thanks to Sked & his garden, Greg Summers (organiser) & all the volunteers.**



Come and join us for some
'gathered prayer' time.
Every Wednesday 7.00 - 7.45pm
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!





Monday 27th July – Thursday 6th August 2026

Sign up now!

Holiday Club activities: 10am – noon

Games in the park / Art in the marquee: 2 – 3pm



“Whack-a-doo” is an expression used by the TV characters of “Bluey”. Bluey is an inexhaustible blue heeler puppy, who lives with her mum, dad and little sister Bingo. She likes to laugh and have fun but more than anything else she loves to play games with her family.

On each day of Whack-a-doo, we’ll watch a very short episode of Bluey. The two sisters will then point us to a Jesus story. Crafts, puzzles, games, tuck & other activities will follow. Lively choruses always top & tail our activities; and our magnificent GoMAD Team (PVGd of course!) make sure that every child is loved & catered for.

At the afternoon session, choose between games in the park or art in the marquee. Once again, the Team are there to lead, help & be Christian role models for our children.

GoMAD 2026

27 July - 6 August



Every Weekday

Whack-a-doo Holiday Club 10am - 12pm

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

Whack-a-doo 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 (St Paul's if raining)

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

MoC Church Centre (except Tuesday 28 July)

Sundown Service 8:15pm - 8:35pm

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



Other Events in MoC Church Centre

Tues 28th - Community Quiz 7pm - 8pm

bring your own team or join one the night

Sunday 2nd - Service at 11am

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

Thurs 6th - 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)



Community Art Project



Last year's art project now graces the walls of our church. Jenni, our artist-in-residence, will no doubt have an idea. Look out for her during the GoMAD fortnight & add your very own artistic touch.



Community Quiz



As Tom Wilson puts the Quiz together,, why don't you get a Team together & join us on Tuesday 28 July at 7.00 pm. Our Quiz night is always a great not-to-be-missed time of fun & fellowship. Here's last year's winning team, the Badminton Beauties.



Charity Concert

Thursday 6 August at 7.00 pm



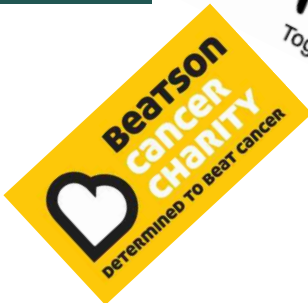
Jesus Christ! Superstar! – yes, that's one of the many songs on this year's list. There'll be drama too, of course; much kiddie & audience participation; and the usual tea at 8.30 pm. What a climax to our fortnight of mission!

Admission by donation to our charities. Why not join BOAS (Bit of a Sing) meeting each weekday evening from 7.00 to 8.00 pm? (except Quiz Night) and get ready for the concert? Here's last year's six-hander.





BUILD SOUTH AFRICA '26



**CHARITIES WE'VE SUPPORTED
OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS**



On 31 May, we bade farewell to Paddington. We saw him have tea with the late Queen; & then he introduced us to the King of Kings.

Crown biscuits, great games, a super craft & rapturous singing rounded off a memorable season with Paddington.



**COURAGE!
COURAGE!**

Refugee Week

Thanks to Jenni (Julie's sister) who spoke very movingly about her experiences of providing a home for two refugees. There is, she said, "no such thing as an illegal immigrant"!



Dear God, give us, and the nations of the world, the compassion, and the political will to welcome those seeking sanctuary. Help us to recognize Your image in every person, and remind us that we all belong to the same human family.

Guide us to work together for a world built on peace and justice, where no one is forced to flee, and where all people can find a place to call home.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



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.

More photos and feedback in the next Messenger!



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

Sundown Services - No Donkey?

Every week day during GoMAD, there will be a Sundown Service at 8.15 pm. Focussing on the Whack-a-doo theme of the day, & lasting only 20 minutes, it will include hymn-singing, drama & inter-generational worship. Here's an extract from Day 1 (when we focus on the birth of Jesus):

And so it came to pass that Augustus the Emperor of Rome, who ruled over the land where Joseph and Mary lived decreed that there would be a census so that he could count everyone he ruled over.

And even though Joseph and Mary lived in Nazareth, way up north, Joseph's family came from Bethlehem, way down South.

Like 90 miles away. Or 150 kilometres. A long way, anyway. Which is why they must have had a donkey.

Actually, to be fair, and in spite of what you see in most nativity plays, there is no mention of a donkey. It just says that Mary went with Joseph, and that he was engaged to her, and that she was pregnant.

Not to put too fine a point on it, but she was about to pop! You don't make your expectant wife, who is days away from her due date, walk 90 miles (or 150 kilometres) in that condition.

There is nothing in the passage that says she was "about to pop". Again, we see it in nativity plays, but it makes a lot more sense to think that they went to Bethlehem well before her due date. And then, while they were there, as the passage says, she gave birth to her child. Plan ahead. That's what a good husband would do!

Oh! You've just ruined my Christmas!



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Prayer Cards

The beautiful Explore prayer cards, with their thought-provoking images, offer simple but profound words to help anyone, old or young, express our feelings and needs - and find comfort, strength, and hope. They were a big hit at the Village Festival; and are of course available at the Church, free of charge!



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YOUNG FOLKS MEET FOR EPIC &
CROSSOVER EACH SUNDAY @ 11AM

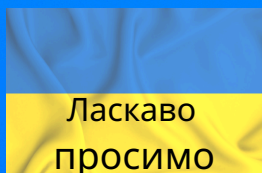


KIDS GATHER FOR JIGSAW
EACH SUNDAY @11AM



CRECHE FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!



COME AND JOIN US! ALL WELCOME.

