

WALLNEUK NORTH CHURCH

NEWS UPDATE



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus.

As you know the month of February is known as the month of Love. Unfortunately, the evolution of Valentine's Day has followed a course similar to the evolution of Santa Claus. It began with a legendary Saint then over the years it has exploded into a commercial culture. No one knows for sure how a feast day commemorating a martyr became a celebration of love.

So what should Christians make of Valentine's Day? Christians should celebrate love everyday because God made love for us all to enjoy according to (1 Cor 13)! God's design is to give us a taste of the greatest love that will ever exist, of which all Christians will experience in Heaven. Love is grounded in God. Love comes from God. Because He loves us, we're also called to love one another. We can show love by caring for others. If we can do this, which sounds so easy but is so hard, the world will be a much better place. Do we really love one another? Not just our spouse, or our families or those sitting around us in church. Do we love all people? If we say yes, do we show it? This is a hard question that religious communities need to ask themselves. Jesus demonstrated such unconditional love for us on the Cross as we remember on Good Friday. We also celebrate God's love through Jesus whenever we take part in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Lent Season this year will start on 26th February. I am looking forward to seeing you on 8th March, when we will celebrate the unconditional love of God through the Sacrament of the Holy Communion.

St Francis of Assisi said, "It is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in loving that we are loved."

I would appreciate your prayers for our Presbytery as they decide the future of St Ninian's Church, which had been our partner church for so many years.

If you would like me to visit you or a member of Wallneuk North please speak to your Elder or contact me directly on 07951764262.

Kind Regards,
Peter

Easter Dates 2020

Palm Sunday 5th April

Holy Week Services 6th - 10th April

Good Friday Walk 10th April

Easter Sunday 12th April



Young Church

| BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT (TANAKH) | | | |
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| Genesis | Exodus | Leviticus | Numbers |
| Deuteronomy | Joshua | Judges | Ruth |
| 1 st Samuel | 2 nd Samuel | 1 st Kings | 2 nd Kings |
| 1 st Chronicles | 2 nd Chronicles | Ezra | Nehemiah |
| Esther | Historical Writing | | |
| The Law (Torah) | | | |
| Poetic Writings | | | |
| Major Prophets | | | |
| Minor Prophets | | | |

We had a great time leading up to Christmas with our party and then a very successful Nativity. Since coming back we have been working our way through the books of the Old Testament. Every week we have an activity related to the Old Testament and we are hoping to have an Open Day for members of the congregation to come along and see how talented we are!!

We will be planning our Mothers' Day gifts and Easter activities soon. We have already planned our Young Church Summer day out but we will let you know about that in the next update. Thank you to everyone who supports Young Church and we are very grateful for the many gifts and donations we receive.

8th Paisley Brownies and Guides

The Brownies and Guides had a busy time before Christmas with their coffee evening and a visit to Build a Bear at Braehead where they all got to make a new furry friend. We finished the session with an old fashioned Christmas party.

We started the new session with a Guides only movie night with lots of sweets and pizza.

The next few months are busy with most of us going to Dundee in February for a Girlguiding Scotland Thinking Day event, the girls who are going to camp in the summer are going bowling to meet up with the other Guides from Paisley who are going to camp and then the guides are all going to a sleepover at the Science Centre in March with other Guides from Scotland.

We are busy doing our badge work and learning lots of new and interesting things.

We still have spaces in our units and would love to welcome some new members. Girls aged 7-14



The first Car Boot Sale of 2020 will be on Saturday 7th March.

The income from the Car Boot Sale goes a long way towards church funds. Last year £2630 went to church funds, £80.50 to Christian Aid and £85.50 towards the Shoe Box Appeal.

A **HUGE** thank you must go to the volunteers who give up their free time and attend faithfully on the first Saturday of each month. The volunteers supervise the cars, set up the halls beforehand, sell the items on the church table and others who supply, tea and coffee, toast and biscuits to the many visitors who come along looking for a bargain. Without the volunteers the car boot sale would be difficult to sustain and the work of these people is greatly appreciated by our many regular, loyal customers.

If you have anything that you are thinking of clearing out and you think it could be sold at the Car Boot Sale we will only be too glad to take it a sell it with all proceeds going to church funds.

Food Parcels

Thanks to the generosity of church members we have been able to deliver food parcels to the 13 Loretto Care flats across from the church. These parcels are delivered four times a year and are always greatly appreciated by the residents. The Christmas parcels included hats, gloves and a selection box for each of the residents. The next parcels will be delivered at Easter, and each will also contain an easter egg.

All donations of non perishable food will be gratefully received.

Thank you for your continued support.

A-Team.

Now that winter is here, and with no grass to cut for a while, our A-TEAM have still been busy, tidying and weeding the rose beds, cutting back the roses and bushes, and generally keeping the grounds looking trim.

Some of the high trees at the front of the church have been given a good "haircut" - having the overhanging branches lopped, which were protruding over onto the gable wall of Hall 3, and scraping the wall, in high winds, and obscuring a lot of light. There is still a lot of work required to saw up, and dispose, of the removed branches.

A lot of other indoor maintenance work has been done, and is still ongoing, while winter is here.

The A-TEAM are always looking for anyone who is fit enough, and able to devote a couple hours - 10 -12pm, on Tuesdays, to join us in this essential, and rewarding work. A cup of tea, and perhaps light lunch, afterwards, is always enjoyed !

Netta Forsyth – Memorial Bird Table

Recently the family of Netta Forsyth donated a handsome bird table which will enhance the grounds of the Church.

Netta, who died in December 2016, was a loving mother, Nana, Gran and Great Gran to the family, who were her world.

Netta was a long serving and loyal member of Wallneuk North Church, and this bird table is a lovely reminder of a lovely lady.

The bird table has now been placed in the area between the church and Hall 3. This area is very peaceful and attracts many different birds which includes sparrows, robins, chaffinches, blackbirds, pigeons and magpies



Willie Darroch

You may know that Willie has been unwell during the past few months. He is now in Braemount Nursing Home, Espedair Room 2.

Willie would be happy to see visitors but please don't take any food as he is on a restricted diet.

Thank you

The Flower Ladies would like to thank Margaret Holmes who has been helping every Sunday after church.



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Pearl Ferguson



St Andrews Night



On the evening of Saturday 30th November we gathered in Hall 1 to tables nicely set with tartan, cutlery and glasses. It looked promising! Noses began to twitch as interesting food smells came our way. Was it haggis? No, that was Burns' Night. Vegetable soup was first to come, very tasty, then the big reveal and decisions to be made – pie and beans, or pie and peas? Our table all opted for pie and beans. (That brought reminiscences about days of old when there was an Elders' Lunch between morning and afternoon Communion. George McDonald produced said pies with peas or beans, crusty bread and butter with fruit loaf and tea to follow.) Our pies this night were just as tasty and very much enjoyed.

There was Scottish music on the sound system till Jemma gave us the joy of hearing her sing. Christine, suitably dressed, gave us a seasonal poem and for the fit there was the usual Dashing White Sergeant, Gay Gordons, Canadian Barn Dance, etc. and just to keep us all busy there were team quizzes all on a Scottish theme. When brain strain set in there was tablet, sweets and a cup of tea or coffee to keep the strength up, sending us home knowing we had enjoyed yet another grand evening by the Fun-Raising Gang. Well done again, the guy and gals who dreamed it up, catered for it and cleared up afterwards. I wonder what 2020 will bring

Rockettes



For one night only we were transported to Radio City New York to enjoy the spectacular Rockettes. The music, dancing and costumes were magnificent. The film ended with a wonderful Nativity scene. We all enjoyed some American goodies - popcorn, donuts, muffins and of course American Cream Soda. Everyone enjoyed the night and it certainly got us all into the Christmas spirit.

Christmas Lunch

This year's Christmas Lunch was held in the Ugly Duck. The food and the company was excellent. As usual we had a few games, Christmas Bingo, Pass the Parcel and of course a Quiz. A big thank you to Janette McLeod for organising another successful lunch.

FUN Raising Events...dates for your Diary

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| Andre Rieu in Concert | Thursday 27th February |
| St Patrick's Night | Friday 20th March |
| Eurovision Party Night | date to be confirmed in May |

Weigh-in Poem

It's been six years since 'Weigh-in' began,
So let the new decade start with a bang!
Anyone can join the 'Weigh-in' gang.
It doesn't matter if your over weight or trim,
Wallneuk North gains so it's Win, Win, Win!
It only costs a pound each week,
You step on the scales, no-one can peek!
With pounds weight lost it will keep you trim,
A healthier you it also can bring,
Without exercising hard at the gym.
Maybe you just want to maintain your weight,
So throw away the chocolate and cake.
A new decade, a new you is on it's way,
So come to the scales and see what you weigh!

Anne Wilson