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Taste and see that the Lord is good.
The Lord's words are sweeter to me than honey.
Ps 34:8, Ps 119:103



MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear all,

Sometimes it is only when we stop for a moment and look back that we realise just how far we have travelled. On 4 August this year, my family and I marked ten years since we first came to Scotland. Ten years ago, we arrived knowing that we were beginning a new chapter in our lives. What we could not have known then was just how deeply Elgin would become part of our story.



Nine years ago, our family settled in Elgin, and since then we have experienced so much joy and happiness. We have made friendships, shared celebrations, walked through difficult moments, watched our children grow, and experienced the warmth and kindness of this community. Somewhere along the way, Elgin stopped being simply the place where we lived and became the place we call home.

That feeling was especially clear when we travelled to South Africa for three weeks in July. It was wonderful to be there and to spend time with family and friends, but there was also a growing sense of anticipation about coming back. The children, as well as the adults, were yearning to return to Elgin. We were coming home.

It made me think of Psalm 139 and the beautiful assurance of the psalmist that God knows all our ways. God knows where we have come from, where we are now, and where our journey will take us. Even before we take the next step, God is already there. We are held within the loving presence of God wherever the road may lead.

And then we hear the words of Jesus in John's Gospel: "I am the way and the truth and the life." Our Christian faith is, at its heart, a journey with Christ. He is not simply someone who shows us the road; he is the way itself. We walk with him through the ordinary moments of our lives, through joy and sorrow, uncertainty and hope.

As we begin a new academic year, there will be many journeys beginning again.

Children and young people will return to school, students will begin new chapters, families will find new rhythms, and others among us may be facing changes of our own.

Whatever journey lies before us, may we remember that Christ journeys with us. And perhaps, after nine years in Elgin, I am learning that home is not only a place. Home is where we are known, loved, and welcomed. Ultimately, our deepest home is found in God. May we journey together in Christ, trusting that wherever life takes us, God's love will find us there.

Every blessing,

Deon, Marese, and the family.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship resumes on 23rd September at 10.00am with a special opening meeting. The Lord Lieutenant will explain his role etc within the Moray area.

Joining the men that morning will be the Monday Evening Guild and the Wednesday Afternoon Guild. It is hoped that there will be a good turnout of all three organisations on that date.



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 12:1-14, Luke 6:1-11

The Pharisees watched Jesus to see if he broke any of God's laws, or the rules they had made up to stop the laws being broken.

Jesus' disciples were hungry so they picked some wheat from a field as they walked.



The Pharisees said to Jesus



But King David broke the rules when he ate the bread that was only for the priests*



And priests are allowed to work in the temple on the Sabbath*



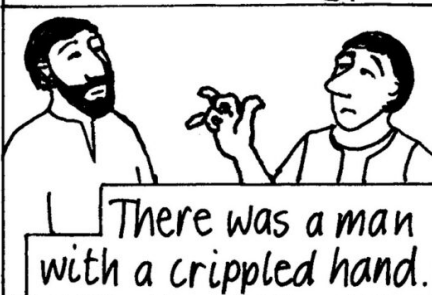
Don't you understand when God says 'keeping rules doesn't make up for not having kindness'?*



If you understood, you would know my disciples did nothing wrong.



The Pharisees followed Jesus to the meeting place



The Pharisees wanted to accuse Jesus of breaking rules, so they asked him a trick question.



If your sheep fell into a ditch on the Sabbath you would lift it out.



People are worth far more than sheep, so it is right to do good on the Sabbath



Hold out your hand.



The Pharisees left and made plans.



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THE TIDE SLIDES QUIETLY

Some folk measure a cycle by the miles on the bike. Others by the speed on the road.

But there are quieter cyclists who measure a ride by something else entirely, the bench at the halfway point.

One such bench sits outside Ashers the Baker in Lossiemouth, looking out over the River Lossie. The rider arrives without much fuss. No racing gear, no hurry.

Just the steady turning of pedals from Elgin down the road, cycle path or old rail line to Lossiemouth.

The bike is leaned gently against the bench, as if it too appreciates a rest. Inside the baker's shop the order is always the same.

"Coffee please ... and a buttery."

Then it's back outside to the bench.

The coffee steams in the cool Lossie air while the tide slides quietly in the estuary. Gulls argue over something unseen, and the wind, more often than not, blows kindly from the west.

Sometimes another cyclist passes and stops for a blether. Sometimes not.

Either way the bench does its job well. It gives a man a place to sit, to watch the water and birds for a while, and to remember that a good life is often made up of small things done regularly.

After a while the coffee is finished, the last bit of buttery is gone and the crows and wagtails look for crumbs.

The rider stands, bins the cup, stretches a little, and lifts the bike.

There are miles yet to ride, but the best part of the journey has already happened.

And the bench will be there tomorrow.

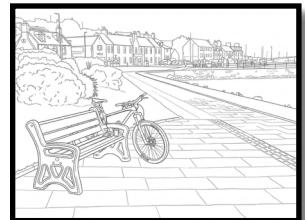
"Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

SUMMARY

A cyclist from Elgin regularly rides to a bench outside Ashers the Baker in Lossiemouth.

The cyclist enjoys a coffee and buttery while watching the river and birds.

He appreciates the simple pleasures of life.



ABOUT SHEEP

By Your Grump-in-Residence

On the 19 April, the sermon in church was about sheep. *John 10:1-10*

The Bible tells us, kindly and often, that we are like sheep, gentle, trusting, in need of guidance. This was clearly written by someone who has never tried to move six Highland sheep off a single-track road using only encouragement.



Real sheep are not soft and cuddly.

They are wiry. Pointy. Suspicious. Their wool is not so much “fleecy” as *industrial-grade Velcro*. And as for obedience - well.

A sheep will follow another sheep straight into trouble, but will absolutely refuse to go anywhere sensible on its own.

And yet - here's the thing.

For all their awkwardness, sheep endure. They survive the weather, the hills, the long winters. They stick together, even when it's inconvenient.

And despite appearances, they do know when they are lost, and when they are home.

So perhaps the comparison isn't flattering - but it is honest.

We are not always soft. We are not always sensible. We wander, we bunch up in the wrong places, and occasionally we stare blankly at help when it's standing right in front of us.

But we keep going. And somehow, we are still known, still gathered, still cared for.

Even if we are a bit more Moray sheep than Biblical illustration.

SUMMARY

Sheep have a tendency to wander and follow others, but also their resilience and ability to find their way home. Despite their flaws, people are still known, gathered, and cared for.

CALLING KNITTERS

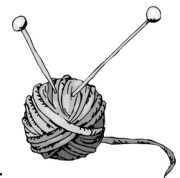
The Poppy Cascade at the Moss Street entrance to the church has been much admired and the hope is to have a similar one at our Duff Avenue entrance.

If you can knit at all then please get your needles out and get started.

Feel free to experiment and find your own pattern because there are no rules about the size or form. As long as the poppies are red with a black centre they will be used.

Please leave two tails so they can be attached to the frame.

All poppies can be given to Shona Jamieson or handed into the office



ACORN AT REFUEL

Seeds of Encouragement

Members of our church Acorn group were delighted to take part in Refuel this year, hosting the Acorn tent and joining in the vibrant life of the festival.

Despite some torrential Scottish weather, the atmosphere was one of deep encouragement, rich fellowship, and meaningful “God conversations.” As one group member reflected:

“Great day today - deep connections despite the monsoon weather. People seem more ready for Acorn now than in the last two years.”

The team returned thankful for every opportunity to serve, learn, and connect with fellow Christians from across the region. As we look back on a fruitful week, we pray that the seeds sown will continue to take root, keeping in mind Paul's encouragement:

“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.” 1 Corinthians 3:6

GREEN FINGERED MEMBERS AT WORK

When arriving at our church buildings via the Moss Road gate, you must have noticed how good the Memorial Garden looks now.

The three men have worked very hard as they have been busy since earlier this year digging out weeds and ivy roots. Over the summer, they have now been joined by some ladies who have also been helping. This is a great fellowship undertaking and it's good to see them working together.

At the front entrance to our building, we have been spoiled by the beautiful show of roses taking us in the front door. Thanks go to Muriel Gerrard who looks after the roses plot.

If you go round towards the back to collect your car, you'll see the pots lining the paving stones. These are maintained by Gordon Farquhar who religiously (please excuse the pun!!) waters and deadheads the flowers and replaces them when necessary.

This may seem like a very small job, but when you consider that the men undertaking this work are elderly – with one over 90!! If anyone is free to give a hand, speak with Norman Dean (Memorial Garden) or Gordon Farquhar (Tubs).

One thing everyone can do is to donate a few plants to help the tubs looking as good as they do or to help fill the memorial garden. These can be cuttings from the garden or new plants. Let's keep our church grounds a place where we can sit and reflect and watch God's creations flourishing.

SUMMARY

Church members, including elderly volunteers, have been maintaining the Memorial Garden and rose plot. Donations of plants are welcome to enhance the church grounds.

THE NEW GUINEA MARTYRS

The Anglican Church in Australia still honours from World War 2 the New Guinea Martyrs of 1942.

These brave men and women, Ten Australians and two Papuans, refused to leave their missionary work on the island as the Japanese military forces advanced.

'They knowing full well the risk, elected to stay with their flock.'

The missionaries were serving the people of Papua New Guinea as Christian priests, teachers, workers and medical nurses. All twelve were unarmed as they were going about their normal missionary work. They were killed for no reason at all, but to preempt any possibility that they might be a danger to the Japanese in the future. Or perhaps they were killed out of some vague Japanese hatred of Australian Christians, who were poles apart from the then fanatical Emperor-worship that enveloped the whole military strategy of Japan.

The martyrs were:

In Gona, on the NE coast of Papua: **May Hayman** (medical sister), and **Mavis Parkinson** (teacher): both bayoneted to death.

In villages inland from Gona: **Vivian Redlich** (priest), **Margery Brenchley** (medical sister), **Lillar Lashmar** (teacher), **Henry Holland**, (priest), **John Duffill** (carpenter): all beheaded.

Also, **Lucian Tapiedi**, an indigenous Papuan: axed to death. (A statue of Tapiedi now stands as a memorial above the West Door of Westminster Abbey in London.)

Outer islands: **John Barge** (priest), **Bernard Moore** (priest), boat sunk in open sea.

Henry Mathews (priest), **Leslie Gariadi** (Papuan assistant): boat sunk and men machine-gunned in the water.

Today the Church also remembers the more than 300 church workers of all churches who were killed in 1942, during the Japanese occupation of Papua New Guinea.



REMEMBERING AMY LAXTON

A Legacy of Faith, Service and Love

Over recent months, our congregation has been involved in a deeply moving process of remembering and honouring the life of Amy Laxton, a much-loved member of our church family whose influence reached far beyond our local community.



Amy, who taught both here in Moray and in Nigeria, made a lasting impression on countless lives through her dedication, compassion, and faith. In Nigeria, she served as the very first Head Teacher at Ekulu Primary School Enugu (formerly All Saints Primary School). The school, which celebrated its 70th anniversary in May, stands as a lasting testament to the foundations she laid. Following her passing, colleagues from Nigeria reached out as they began work on a book and documentary celebrating her life.

They asked if we, alongside the school where Amy taught upon her return to Scotland, might share reflections, photographs, and video footage. Back in Elgin, Amy had served as Deputy Head and Primary 7 teacher at Bishopmill Primary School, shaping young lives with the same care that marked her work abroad. Thanks to the efforts of many in our congregation, we gathered materials and video footage. Rev Deon Oelofse also met with members to record personal recollections of Amy's character, faith, and quiet, profound impact.

As part of these commemorations, a posthumous award was presented in Amy's name, recognising her invaluable contribution to education in Nigeria. Rev Deon accepted this on behalf of the church and contributed a message of goodwill for the upcoming book.

A Special Visit and Presentation

In early June, we welcomed Chioma Nwosu and Enuma Chigbo, representatives from Ekulu Primary School, who travelled to Scotland to present the award in person. Their visit made for a deeply touching day of shared stories and reflection.

They visited key locations connected to Amy's life, including Bishopmill Primary School, the former Elgin High Church, and St Giles' Church, where Amy's father faithfully served as organist for over sixty years. A special service led by Rev Deon formed the centrepiece of the visit, featuring one of Amy's favourite hymns. It was particularly meaningful that Chioma and Enuma met one of Amy's former Bishopmill pupils, who recalled how Amy often spoke fondly of her time in Nigeria.

A Lasting Impact

The visit reminded us all of the far-reaching impact of a life lived in service. For Louise, Hugh, and many others in the congregation, it was profoundly moving to see Amy's work recognised in such a tangible way.

There was great warmth in all that Chioma and Enuma expressed, and we felt a deep sense of blessing to have known Amy and shared in this international tribute.

As we await the publication of the book, we look forward to learning even more about her years in Nigeria. Amy's life continues to speak through the memories she leaves behind and the bridges built across continents.

We give thanks for Amy's life, her witness, and the enduring connections grown from her legacy. We pray God's rich blessing on the school and community in Nigeria as they continue their work.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." (Matthew 25:23)

SUMMARY

The congregation honoured Amy Laxton, a beloved member who taught in Moray and Nigeria. Colleagues from Nigeria, where Amy was the first Head Teacher at Ekulu Primary School, requested reflections and materials for a book and documentary celebrating her life.

A posthumous award was presented to the church, and representatives from the school visited, highlighting Amy's lasting impact and the connections she built.

CHRISTINA ROSSETTI: A Poet of Faith and Hope

Few poets have left such a gentle yet enduring mark on Christian literature as **Christina Rossetti (1830–1894)**. While many know her for Christmas carols such as *In the Bleak Midwinter* and *Love Came Down at Christmas*, her faith was the foundation of everything she wrote.

Rossetti began writing poetry as a child.

Throughout her life she remained deeply committed to her Christian beliefs.

Her poetry reflects a quiet trust in God, the hope of heaven, and the importance of living faithfully in the present.

Christina lived through periods of poor health and personal disappointment, yet her writing is never bitter. Instead, it points readers towards God's love, eternal life, and the promise that our true home is with Him.

Her words continue to comfort and encourage.

SUMMARY

Christina Rossetti, a poet of faith and hope, wrote poetry reflecting her Christian beliefs, emphasising trust in God, the hope of heaven, and faithful living. Her work, including "Who Has Seen the Wind?", reminds us that faith is about trusting the unseen, much like the wind.

WHO HAS SEEN THE WIND

by Christina Rossetti

Who has seen the wind?

Neither I nor you:

But when the leaves hang trembling,

The wind is passing through.

Who has seen the wind?

Neither you nor I:

But when the trees bow down their heads

The wind is passing by.

It speaks to Christians of the unseen realities of faith. Just as we cannot see the wind but know it by its effects, so we cannot see God with our eyes, yet we see His presence in transformed lives.



NICK'S LETTER

On a recent run, as I was listening to the radio, I got excited about an upcoming feature.

From what I heard, we were going to hear "how to build a hope-mobile", and I was very interested! My ears tend to prick up whenever 'hope' is mentioned!

Unfortunately, I'd misheard, because the clip in question, from 1982, was in fact about Pope John Paul II's visit to the UK. Specifically, his mode of transport as he travelled the country. Apparently, it was a combination of a Range Rover and a tipper truck, and despite the Vatican's displeasure, it quickly became known as 'the Popemobile'.

Much as it was interesting to hear about the challenge of safely making the pontiff visible, I was left feeling a little disappointed. Learning about the "unobtrusive armoured glass" and the "thick pile midnight blue carpet" upon which the Pope would stand was all very well, but I really did like the sound of a 'hope-mobile', and I would've preferred to hear about one of those!

And so, as I ran on, it got me thinking about how, in a way, we are all, potentially, 'hope mobiles'! In any given situation and in all manner of ways, we can bring and promote hope. To those around us and in the situations of life we find ourselves in. We can all be kind; we can all encourage and smile. We can connect with each other; and we can look for the potential and the possibilities amongst our problems.

Of course, it's also true that the opposite is the case. That with our words, our attitudes, and actions, we can also reduce, perhaps even remove, hope. Each and every day and in every situation, we get to choose! But when we choose hope, as the Bible reminds us, we're "never left feeling shortchanged" because the hope that Jesus provides "never disappoints us".

And the good news is that when it comes to spreading hope, unlike the Pope, we don't need fancy carpets or a repurposed Range Rover to get it out and about.

Major Nick Hanover. The Salvation Army in Elgin. 07896 122179

ECO-CONGREGATION

Season of Creation / Creation Time runs from 1 September – 4 October every year, celebrated by many different churches around the world. It's an opportunity to rediscover the mystery and wonder of creation and God as Creator, and to support each other as we confront the climate and biodiversity crises afflicting creation.

Eco-Congregation Scotland's Eco-Chaplain David Coleman has (along with others) created a diverse range of materials, with notes/prayers, major video reflections, short versions, and some location video readings, as well as global links and poems. You can find lots to explore at:

<https://ecocongregationscotland.org/resources/season-of-creation-2026/>

NEW CHAIRPERSON

New Chairperson of Eco-Congregation Scotland – it is me! I have become Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, having been a Board member for a few years.

There's lots to get to grips with, as we find ways to support congregations to take action locally and globally, practically and spiritually, to care for creation.

Jenny Adams, Eco-Congregation Representative



CONGRATULATIONS TO ANGUS AND SHANNON

On 1st August, our organist Angus Lawson married Shannon in a beautiful church service conducted by Rev Deon, followed by a wonderful reception at the Mansfield.

Attending choir and congregation members were delighted to share in their special day.



The bride looked stunning, while Angus and Rev Deon both looked sharp in their kilts, finally settling the mystery of whether the Minister has legs! Despite a brief, lighthearted scramble when Rev Deon dropped a ring, the ceremony went off without a hitch.

We send our warmest congratulations to Angus and Shannon and pray for God's blessing on their future together.

"Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Mark 10:9

A wee poem for Angus and Shannon

*On the first day of August, beneath North East Summer skies,
Angus and Shannon exchanged wedding ties.*

*The bride looked stunning, the groom scrubbed up well,
and the joy of the day was easy to tell.*

Rev Deon wore a kilt with remarkable flair,

Prompting some to remark, "So he does have legs there!"

*Then a ring took a tumble and slipped to the ground,
perhaps shocked by the kilts on display all around!*

*But all ended well, with much laughter and cheer,
as family and friends gathered those they hold dear.*

*May God bless Angus and Shannon each day,
with love, faith and happiness lighting their way.*

**Congratulations, Angus and Shannon, from all your friends
at Elgin Parish Church**



...Rodney, I've been meaning to have a word
with you about your carbon footprint!

THE GUILD

The Monday Evening Guild will restart on the 7th of September at 7pm.

The speaker on that evening is the Rev Deon Oelofse. Visitors are always welcome so please come and join us.

The Wednesday Afternoon Guild meets again on the 2nd of September at 2.15pm. The speaker is Ann Bowie talking about the Guild theme, *Beyond the Walls*.

**Once again visitors are always welcome.
Do join us.**

A DIFFERING OPINION ABOUT COMMUNION

“All are welcome at God’s table!”

So says the minister at every Communion service I have attended over many decades. It is a simple and reassuring message, and one that I believe lies at the heart of Communion.

I read with interest the article in the June edition, **“An Opinion about Communion”**, concerning the way elders dress when taking part in the service.

I appreciate that this was offered as a personal opinion, and I respect the fact that people have different views about what is appropriate for worship.

However, as a male elder myself, I would like to offer a different perspective.

For some people, dressing formally for Communion may be an important way of showing respect for the occasion. For others, including myself, the formality of dress is less important. I don’t believe that the clothes we wear should determine how welcome we feel at the Lord’s Table.

Traditions have their place, and I think it is right that we should respect the customs that have been handed down to us.

But traditions can also change with the times.

What was considered essential or appropriate several decades ago may not necessarily carry the same meaning today.



Indeed, when we think of the Last Supper, it is worth remembering that Leonardo da Vinci’s famous painting, completed in 1498, does not exactly show the disciples dressed in the formal attire that we might once have expected of elders at Communion!

For me, the more important thing is that we come together as a church family to worship, to share Communion, and to remember Christ.

Whether we are young or old, male or female, formally dressed or more casually dressed, we should all feel that we have a place at God’s table.

I have a love of music and an extensive CD collection, as many of you will know, and I often find that song lyrics can express an idea particularly well.

There is a song by Procol Harum called *The Question*, and although written in a very different context, some of its words made me think about how easily we can become focused on judging others rather than looking at ourselves.

Perhaps that is something worth remembering whenever we have differing opinions within the church. We can disagree with one another while still treating one another with kindness and respect.

So, as a male and an elder, I will continue to feel very welcome at Communion, and I will continue to wear what I consider appropriate for the occasion. More importantly, I hope that everyone who comes to God’s table will feel equally welcome, whatever they happen to be wearing.

Alistair C. Farquhar

SUMMARY

A male elder expresses his perspective on the importance of feeling welcome at Communion, regardless of attire. He emphasises that traditions can evolve and that the focus should be on worshipping and remembering Christ together as a church family.

CARD MACHINE

A Card Machine is now available to make donations to our church.

It will be in the Vestibule at Sunday morning services and in the office at other times.

Pause (PAWS) with Paula

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. Ps 118:1

God is amazing, wonderful, awesome, miraculous, surprising, and awe-inspiring. His faithful love to us — not only in the big, breathtaking moments, but also in the ordinary little blessings that slip quietly into the day and remind us that we are seen, known, and loved.

And what immense and impactful experience has launched this sudden outpouring of praise? Well, it's our little fur baby. He's done it again — taken something simple, familiar, and every day, and turned it into one of those gentle reminders that God often speaks through the small things if we are willing to notice them.



Lessons from Bracken: Small Steps, Wagging Tails

Bracken has taught me many things through the years, most of them without saying a single word. But if there is one thing he has taught me this summer, it is that every day is better approached with curiosity, enthusiasm, and the firm belief that something interesting may be waiting just around the corner. You see, he does not rush past the world; even if I'm in a hurry, he investigates it, sniffs it, studies it, and receives it with joy.

Our walks together are rarely just walks. They are expeditions, investigations, and occasionally negotiations — usually about whether a particularly fascinating patch of grass deserves five more minutes of careful study. I may think we are simply going around the block, but Bracken seems convinced that we are setting off on an important mission, with every lamppost, leaf, and lane we walk down, offering vital information.

Bracken approaches each outing as though the world has been freshly made that morning, full of important scents, friendly faces, and opportunities to enjoy the simple pleasure of being out and about. There is something wonderfully honest about that sort of joy.

He is not waiting for everything to be perfect before he enjoys the day; he simply steps into it, tail wagging, ready to receive whatever comes next.

It is a useful reminder for me, too. Life can sometimes feel busy, uncertain, or a little uphill, but Bracken has a wonderful way of showing that progress does not always need to be grand or dramatic. Sometimes it is enough to keep going, to notice the good things, and to approach the next step with a wagging tail — or at least the human equivalent.

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” — Ps 118:24

So, from Bracken (and me), and with this verse in mind, here is an encouragement for the days ahead: take the walk, enjoy the view, pause for the small wonders, remembering that even an ordinary day can hold something worth smiling about. And give thanks to God for all those small things that make us stop and smile.

Love and Prayers Paula, Mike and Bracken



THANK YOU!!

May I, through the medium of the magazine, send a huge thank you for all the flowers, cards, best wishes and texts during my recent illness.

It was very humbling to receive so many thoughts for my health from so many people.

I am well on the way to full recovery, just have to have patience and take things slowly!!

Not my usual behaviour.

Many thanks again. Kathy (Dale)

WHEN GROUPS RESUME

HIGH JINKS – resumes 24th August 2026

ACORN – resumes 17th August 2026

MONDAY GUILD – resumes 7th September 2026

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB – Continues

WEDNESDAY GUILD – resumes 2nd September 2026

DROP IN TEAS – Continues

MEN'S ASSOCIATION – resumes 23rd September 2026

CURIOUS CHRISTIANS – resumes 26th August 2026

WOMAN'S GROUP – resumes 2nd September 2026 – Williamson Hall at 7.30pm

THURSDAY MID WEEK SERVICE – Watch for info

FRIDAY KICKS – resumes

SUNDAY SERVICE – As normal

CAFÉ CHURCH – Continues

DIARY - WHATS ON AND WHERE

HIGH JINKS in the St Giles' Building on a Monday. A space for toddlers to play and engage with other children and an opportunity for parents and carers to mix. 10.00 - 11.30.

Group finishes for the summer on 29th June

ACORN meets fortnightly, Monday, in Williamson Hall West Room 13.30 - 15.15. Join with fellow Christians recognising God working within you and through you. Or is it just coincidence? Come along for a cuppa and a chat. For further information contact Shona Jamieson or Irene Grant.

MONDAY GUILD meets on the first Monday of the month. Williamson Hall 19.00. Now finished.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB meets every Tuesday in Williamson Hall from 11.30am. Enjoy a bowl of homemade soup and a delicious sweet in good company.

WEDNESDAY GUILD meets on the first Wednesday of the month, Williamson Hall. Finished for summer.

DROP IN TEAS held in St Giles Building 10.00 - 11.30 on Wednesdays. Drop in Teas and Coffees. All welcome to enjoy a wee cup and fellowship.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION meet first & third Wednesday of the month, Williamson Hall 10.00 - 11.30. Finished for summer.

BIRNIE KIRK Ecumenical service every Wednesday at 19.00. A service of prayer and Psalms with friendship over cake after the service.

CURIOUS CHRISTIANS meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday to look at the Bible in a different way. Williamson Hall West Room 19.00. Finishes on 10th June

WOMAN'S GROUP meets on first Wednesday of every month, Williamson Hall 19.30
Finished for Summer

THURSDAY MID WEEK SERVICE every Thursday in St Giles 13.00. Join us in your lunch break for a half hour service. Come along at 12.30 and join in fellowship over a cup of tea.
Finishes for the summer on 28 June.

FRIDAY KICKS meet every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) in Williamson Hall 10.00 - 11.30. For toddlers, parents/carers with a Bible message and play. stgileskicks@gmail.com
This finishes for the summer on 29 May.

SUNDAY SERVICE is at 10.30 followed by tea/coffee etc in the Williamson Hall.

CAFÉ CHURCH is on 1st Sunday of the month in Williamson Hall at 16.00. An all-age more relaxed form of worship. Septembers's meeting will be held in St Giles.