



Chalmers Memorial Church Newsletter Autumn 2015



Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble. (Psalm 119 v165)

Dear Friends in Chalmers

This is the last time that I will write one of these letters as your locum minister as I will be finishing what has been a very enjoyable year with you at the end of September.

When I start the letter calling you "Friends in Chalmers" I mean it. So many of you have extended a warm welcome and the hand of friendship to Liz and me that, Sunday by Sunday, we have felt that we were truly amongst people who were our friends and whom it was difficult to believe we had only known for such a short time. We both hope that it has been obvious that we really enjoyed being with you.

Let me just take a few quotations from Paul's letter to the Philippians:

"I thank God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now..."

"It is right for me to feel this way about all of you ...for all of you share in God's grace with me."

"This is my prayer that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight so that you may be able to discern what is right...."

"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose."

You have many gifts between you and some remarkable folk in your midst and it has been my privilege to worship and spend time with you.

Liz and I offer our thanks for the friendship and sharing and our prayers and best wishes for the future.

John Cairns

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue of the Church Newsletter. The next issue will be available on **Sunday 18th October 2015**. Articles for this edition should be with me by **Sunday 4th October 2015**. If you would like to E-Mail news you can contact me on: chalmerschurch@btoopenworld.com or by

phone on 819471

Sheila Bulloch

The next Candle Coffee Club meeting
is on **Thursday 17th September**



Meeting at **10.30a.m** in
'Longniddry Inn'.

The Speakers will be
Gavin & Des Campbell

Lunch available after the meeting (£11 per head)

All welcome



Thanks are expressed to the team of people who have dug up all the weeds in the Church Gardens. Here are some of them hard at work.



Work with children and youth continues to flourish in Cockenzie and Port Seton. In June we celebrated our **Family Fun Day** for **Kids Kirk**. This was another opportunity for families and members of the congregation to join the team and children for some fun. Special thanks to the team for all their hard work over the year, and to the builders, who helped create Luke Street.



For a week in July, our hall was transformed into the North and South Pole - we had an igloo, polar bear and lots of snowflakes, why you may ask?.....For our **Polar Explorers Holiday Club**. Over the week, **35 children** joined in the fun.

Throughout the week, we walked an expedition, along the way we placed our 'Never too....' signposts. On Monday we heard about Peter, 'Never too....many mistakes', on Tuesday Stephen, 'Never too....ordinary', Wednesday Philip 'Never too....near or far'. On Thursday Saul, 'Never too....bad', and on Friday we heard how Timothy was 'Never too....young'. On the Sunday, Amanda brought the week together and spoke about how we are 'Never too.... unlikely to be part of God's Big Expedition'.



We would like to thank everyone who collected milk cartons for our igloo. It took **263 cartons** to create, Tom Gordon guessed **269**; he won a perfect gift.....a pint of milk! August was a time to have a break and rest before the new session starts.



In September we set sail with the **Adventure Cruise** at **Kids Kirk**. Over the year we are going to look through a porthole in the ship, then the 10.15am service following will be linked in. If you are interested in joining our team, which has grown, please contact either of us. We would like to say a huge Thank You to our team, who caught the **Kids Kirk** bug, and to the prayer support we have had. We are touched by the enthusiasm of so many people willing to spread the Love of Jesus Christ throughout our village.



God Bless, *Sheila Bulloch & Amanda Johnston*

Kids Kirk contact details are - KidsKirk@chalmerschurch.co.uk or text on 07980 059 974

Youth Kirk

Kids Kirk has been an amazing success each month children come along have fun, play games, make things, all while exploring the bible. **Youth Kirk** will be starting this **September**.

We would like to continue the success of **Kids Kirk** for those young people who are now ready for the next challenge.

Primary 7 - Secondary 3
3rd Sunday of every month between
7pm - 8.30pm

For more information or if you know anyone who would like to attend please don't hesitate to contact me at ykirk@chalmerschurch.co.uk or 07736 073 960

The new adventure begins
Gillian Halcrow

Ross Hamilton Music proudly presents in
aid of the
Chalmers Church Stewardship Fund



On Broadway

Come along and join Ross Hamilton and Clare McCreadie for one night only as they take to the stage to bring you a cabaret of all things Musical Theatre.

Friday 30th October - 7.30pm - Tickets £6

Available from Sheila Bulloch after
Sunday services and Ross on
07842 792846



Our Facebook Page – search
Chalmers Church and Like us.

Funeral

On 17th August

Janet (Jen) Penman, Port Seton,
Aged 84 years

PRAYERS

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans ch12 v4-5

God our Father, grant that filled with your Spirit we may be renewed in faith, hope and love, to spread your gospel to all humankind through Christ our Lord.

For a clearer vision of the work you have set before us and for a better understanding of your gospel Lord, direct us.

For a deeper commitment in your service and a greater love for all your children, Lord, direct us.

For a fresh understanding of the task before us and for a sense of urgency in our proclamation, Lord, direct us.

For a greater respect and acceptance among Christians of different traditions and for a common good in evangelism, Lord, direct us.

Amen

Stewardship Group – Fundraising

We have seen a number of fundraising activities over recent weeks.

The craft group have been (and continue to be) very busy and have already raised over **£800**. They will start their regular meetings on Wednesday 2nd September.

Anyone who is interested in joining the group for an hour or so of creativity and chat over a cuppa would be most welcome. Just talk to Elizabeth Glover, Cathy Smith or Helen Stewart.



Various events around the 3 Harbours Festival brought in **£1,167** while a very successful “Tea on the Lawn” early in July, despite the odd shower, raised **£340**.

Some up and coming events:

- September – date to be confirmed. John Bellany is organising a sponsored walk.
- September - Monday 14th, as part of the Lammermuir Festival. Teas will be served when Michelangelo String Quartet perform in the Church.
- October - Friday 30th. Ross Hamilton is presenting a concert in the Church Hall.
- November - Saturday 14th. The Craft Group will be taking a stall at the Cockenzie House Christmas sale event.
- November - Friday 27th. Tom Gordon is running a Quiz Night
- Early 2016 - Date to be arranged. Bob Glover and friends will be staging an Organ and Song Recital.

The Stewardship Group, while not themselves organising events and activities are coordinating these, so that events don't clash. We are extremely grateful to all those who have been involved so far and to those organising future projects.

We are confident that other events can be organised and are always looking for new ideas, as well as individuals prepared to take on fundraising projects.

George Smith - georgesmith1943@talktalk.net

Thanks

Christian Aid – **£623** was raised for Christian Aid week in May. The sum of **£844** was also raised from the fourth bridge cross sponsored walk held in April. Many thanks to everyone for their continuing support.

A huge Thank You to all who contributed by giving of their time or baking skills for the church teas during the **3 Harbours Art Festival**. Donations received – Teas **£725.47**, Church Visits **£213.77**. Classical Violin Collection **£227.50**. So far we have raised **£1,166.74** toward the Stewardship Funds. *Sandra Donaldson*

Toni Stewart would like to thank everyone for their kind words following her recent loss.

Marlene Stewart would like to thank everyone for their very kind wishes and lovely flowers received following her recent illness.

Services and Meetings

Sunday

10:15 a.m. All-age Family Worship (in Hall)
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship (with Crèche)
6.15p.m. Evening Worship (as advertised)
7-8.30 p.m. Youth Kirk (3rd Sun of month)
(Sept – June)

Monday

7:15 p.m. The Guild (Oct - March)

Tuesday

10.00 a.m. Chalmers Ramblers Walking Group
7.15 p.m. Prayer Time

Welcome Wednesday

10.30-11.30a.m. Chalmers Crafters (1st of month)
10 - 11a.m. Prayer Time (2nd of month)
1.30 – 3pm Get Together (2nd of month)
12-2p.m. Lunches (3rd of month)
10a.m – 12noon Coffee Time (last of month)



OUR WORSHIP

Very Rev Dr John Cairns will conduct worship unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 6th September

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Anne SUTHERLAND
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Rev David SCOTT

Sunday 13th September

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Joyce BUCHANAN
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Sunday 20th September

10.15 a.m. Kids Kirk Sunday – Amanda JOHNSTON
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 27th September

(Please note NO 10.15am SERVICE)

11.00 a.m. Harvest Thanksgiving
- Please note this will be John Cairns last Sunday with us
6.15p.m. Harvest of the Sea

Sunday 4th October

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – George SMITH
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Guild Dedication
- Rev John FRASER

Wednesday – Evening Activities

5 – 6 p.m. 1st Port Seton Rainbows (Sept. - June)
6:30 p.m. Boys Brigade –
- 7:45p.m. { Anchor boys and Junior Section
{ Company Section (Sept. - June)
8.00p.m. Badminton Group

Thursday

5:15 – 6:15p.m. 1st Cockenzie Rainbows }
6:30 – 8 p.m. 2nd Port Seton Brownies }
(Sept. - June)

Friday

1 – 3.30pm Childcare National 4 Group
(Aug – April)

Saturday

8.00 – 9.15a.m. Prayer Breakfast (last of month)
10am-12noon Kids Kirk (3rd Sat of month)
(Sept – June)

Sunday 11th October

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Duncan MORGAN
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship – Rev Ian SCOTT

Sunday 18th October

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Tom GORDON
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship – Ian BULLOCH

Sunday 25th October

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Ian BULLOCH
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Sacrament of
HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Ian SCOTT
6.15 p.m. Evening Worship - followed by a brief
Celebration of **HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday 1st November

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Mary GORDON
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship – Rev Tom BURT

Sunday 8th November (NO 10.15am SERVICE)

10.50 a.m. Service at War Memorial
11.15 a.m. (approx.) Remembrance Service

Rev Tom BURT

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