



Chalmers Memorial Church Newsletter Easter 2016



Blessed is the person who trusts the Lord. The Lord will be his confidence. He will be like a tree that is planted by water. It will send its roots down to a stream. It will not be afraid in the heat of summer. Its leaves will turn green. It will not be anxious during droughts. It will not stop producing fruit. Jeremiah Ch17 v7-8

Dear friends at Chalmers,

This is what the Lord says-

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

See I am doing a new thing! Now is springs up.

I provide water in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they might proclaim my praise. (Isaiah 43: 16-21*)

By the time this newsletter comes out we will have only a very short time left in Port Seton. I will be moving on to work for Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland. I will be the Workplace Chaplain for Edinburgh West, which includes the Airport, the Gyle Shopping Centre and the Edinburgh Park offices. This post will provide a fantastic opportunity to bring the word of God to where people spend so much of their time, namely their workplace. It should also provide more regular working hours and give Matthew, Hannah and myself more time together as a family.

We would like to thank everybody who supported my ministry and us personally throughout our time in Cockenzie and Port Seton. We have found wonderful friends and it will be sad for us to leave. But we believe that it is the right thing for me and us as a family to do at this stage.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue of the Church Newsletter. The next issue will be available on **Sunday 5th June 2016**. Articles for this edition should be with me by **Sunday 22nd May 2016**. If you would like to E-Mail news you can contact me on: chalmerschurch@bopenworld.com or by phone on 819471

Sheila Bulloch

PRAYERS

Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need. And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Dear Father God, no matter how often we disappoint you, you never let us go. Always your loving arms are there to guide us and support us. Help us trust each other. As our love grows, may others be blessed through us. Amen.

I also believe that it will be a good time for Chalmers Church to have a change of ministry. In March we had another Kirk Session Saturday with Audrey McLaren. This meeting was very energising and a real feeling of anticipation, of new things to come developed whilst we were looking again at our three priority areas which the Kirk Session identified in 2014 (Youth & Children, Pastoral Care and Fabric, Stewardship & Finance). The Session is thinking ahead, being mindful of the future and ideas of how to better engage with the community did spring up. God is indeed doing new things and I think it is the right time for a change in leadership.

We wish you all the best for the future and God's rich blessing on his church's work in this beautiful place.

"May God bless you and keep you, may he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, may he make his countenance shine upon you and give you peace."

With many thanks and love,

Kristina, Matthew and Hannah

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day off)

Funerals

22nd January 2016

Frances Turner, Port Seton

3rd March 2016

Janet (Essie) Young (nee Johnston),
Port Seton, 84 years



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Kids Kirk Youth Kirk



Children and Youth News

The Kids Kirk and Youth Kirk have had a successful few months. The children who come along continue to feel secure in our friendly and welcoming place, while learning of the love of God and his place in their lives. The leaders continue to work hard to provide fun, crafts and games that all ties into the bible stories for the day.

We leave our displays up in the hall where you can see some of the fun activities we all get up to!

If you know of any young person who would like to be involved in this exciting adventure please get in touch with Sheila, Amanda or Gillian for more information on what we all get up to.

Please continue to remember the team and the children in your prayers as they prepare for our last few sessions.

Don't forget the family day on **18th June** when we as a church can all come together to celebrate another successful year and meet the children and parents who are coming around our church.

Please also remember our Scripture Union Holiday Clubs - **Easter Fun Day - Saturday 9th April 10am - 3pm**, then a full week of FUN **Monday 11th - Friday 15th July**. See Sheila for full details.

Blessings, Amanda

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Calling 'Musicians'...



As you may know, there is a wee 'band' which provides the music for our Early Services throughout the year. Pamela plays piano, accompanied by Alastair Sutherland and Tom and Mary Gordon on guitar - with occasional recorder, mouth-organ and percussion instead.

Ross Hamilton joins us when he can, and George Smith recently brought a big African drum and is going to join us when appropriate.

The music for these services comes from a variety of different sources so there is a good variety of styles, from children's choruses to well-known hymns from the more traditional hymnbooks.

The children love joining in from time to time, and it would be a real boost if other budding - or previous - musicians would join us.

There is no obligation to be there every Sunday. We work with who we have available on each week. Mary can provide copies of the music when the order of service is confirmed, and the band has a practice/run through at 10am - 15 minutes before the service.

Any instrument - at any level - could contribute something. Pamela and Mary would be happy to give help and/or encouragement if needed.

Could you give it a go? - Speak to Pamela if you want to know more. Then - come and join us!

'The Band'

Session Section

"Whatever else might change, I hope we shall all continue to fulfil our promise to work together in this new chapter of Chalmers Church."

This was my closing comment in November's Newsletter, as our minister came back from Maternity leave. It is now my opening comment, as we take in the news that Kristina will be leaving us at the end of April. Kristina has been with us for nearly 5 years. This time has seen a growth in confidence of many people who have developed and shared new skills in Chalmers Church, and now show commitment in many areas of the life of our church.

It had been agreed in December that the minister and Session would look again at the priorities in our church and agree ways forward, building on the progress of the last 2 years. At our meeting on Saturday 13th March, Audrey McLaren - from the Presbytery Congregational Development Team - focussed on our moving forward, and led us in a good workshop, seeing how we had developed our work in 3 areas we had targeted 2 years ago.

In groups, we identified things that had both helped us and hindered us, and it was good to see that the 'Help' list was much longer than the 'Hindered'.

What we did not expect, of course, was that this information will become vital in making up our Church Profile - identifying in detail the work we are doing in 'Pastoral Care and Community Outreach', 'Youth and Children's Work', and in 'Stewardship and Finance'. Success in the development of our Bereavement Service and visiting system, the growing Kids Kirk and Youth Kirk and reaching this year's target on the Restoration Fund are so encouraging. Even the 'Hindered' list may help us to identify some of the skills we are currently lacking, and which we may wish to find in a new minister.

The Kirk Session looks forward to sharing this year's Easter celebrations with you all before the search begins.

We thank Kristina for her time with us, and wish her, Matthew and Hannah very well as she prepares to move to her new post as Edinburgh West Work Place Chaplain.

Then, we will work together in this *next* chapter of Chalmers Church...

Mary Gordon, Session Clerk

Fundraising

Our successful fundraising efforts continue in 2016. The first event of the year was held on the afternoon of Sunday 21 February; a wonderful organ recital by Bob Glover with the delightful voices of Christina Gray (soprano) and Mary Gordon (alto). Many thanks to our musicians and to those who gave us refreshments afterwards. We raised a total of £465 that day.

Coming up soon:

Friday 15 April at 7.30pm, singer Sarah Laing, following her success at the Edinburgh Festival, presents "The Music of Doris Day". Tickets £5 from Alison Mack or at the door.

Saturday 30 April at 2pm, a "Bags Beads and Scarves Sale" and Craft Stall in the Church Hall.

We have decided to hold a Harvest Thanksgiving Meal rather than one around Easter, as there is already the Easter breakfast on Easter Sunday.

The Stewardship Committee has discussed the possibility of a late Summer or Autumn Fair around mid-September. We propose this takes the form of a number of sale stalls in the Church Hall, for example, Baking, Produce, Bric-a-brac (not "jumble"), Books and CD's as well as the Craft Stall of course. We would need individuals who are prepared to take ownership of a stall for which they would find others to assist in running and generally look after the organisation of it. Please see me if you are prepared to give it a go, or put your name on the sheet on the Fund Raising notice board in the Hall. We suggest an entrance fee of £2.00, which would entitle one to a cup of tea or coffee and light refreshments, so we would need people to look after this as well.

Very many thanks to all those of you who continue to support our fundraising campaign, either by your donations, by organising an event or by coming along and supporting us.

We look forward to the publication soon of the Churches annual accounts, so that in our next newsletter we can give you a breakdown of the income the Restoration Fund has received in 2015

Please continue to remember us in your prayers, because all of this activity is about enabling us to continue our work and witness for God and for His glory in this place.

George Smith, Stewardship Convenor

Forthcoming events for Christian Aid 2016

The annual sponsored Forth Bridge Cross is on **Saturday 23rd April between 2-6pm**. Sponsor forms are now available from Eleanor Willins.

Christian Aid week 15th - 21st May

Sunday 15th May - A joint "Songs of Praise" service is to be held in Cockenzie Old Parish Kirk at 11am with a retiring collection for Christian aid.

A street collection for Christian Aid week will take place outside our local Co-op in Links Road. Watch out for our red gazebo.

Friday 20th May - Afternoon tea/quiz in Chalmers Memorial Church Hall 2-4pm tickets £5 with all monies raised going to Christian Aid. We need volunteers to help with the street collection and also with the afternoon tea.

More info from Eleanor Willins - 01875-812-616

Thanks

Dear Friends, As I write this letter I am remembering many happy times here in Port Seton. Jane and I spent around 40 years here enjoying friendships and of course the beauty of this village. Thank you for welcoming us into the church family, it has meant so much to both of us. As you may know I have strong family ties to County Tyrone where I grew up. Hence I trust you will understand why I have decided to return to my home place to be nearer family. I shall miss you all very much but trust we can continue to be in touch. I can recommend Ireland as a holiday destination, Rosemary will happily do a taxi service, but you'll need to find your own B&B!! *Mary Clements* (if you would like Mary's address, please speak to Sheila Bulloch)

Dear all, Auntie travelled well and has enjoyed a few nights with her brother and sister in law. She wanted to see her room in Hillcrest so I took her and today (13th March) we returned at 3pm. I left her happily chatting with her cousin Deirdre who is also a resident.

I shall keep in touch with you all and just wanted to say another big thank you for all the care and support given to Mary and Jane. Love Rosemary.

Ian Farquhar would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, cards, flowers and visits following his recent stay in hospital.

Nanna Naples would like to say thank you to the Church for the flowers she received following the death of her sister-in-law Mary. Much appreciated.



The Guild

Too quickly our Guild session has come to an end. All in all we have had a very worthwhile session. Throughout this winter we have had an average of 25-30 ladies attending each night - one lady even coming each week from Dunfermline - plus on special evenings we have had gentlemen. Our programme has been very varied from a Scottish Police Forensic scientist, choirs, presentations on various Home and Overseas Christian organisations, talks on a visit to India, Fisherrow Fishwives and a Burns Supper. The Guild nationally supports six projects over three years and this year our Guild has chosen to support Mission International's work it Haiti and "Let's Stick Together" run by CARE for the Family and representatives of both have given talks on the projects.

Once a year we meet up with our friends from our link Guild in Carnock & Oakley Church. Last year we joined up to visit the Falkirk Wheel and this year we are looking forward to having them visit us here on 5th May. All-in-all we are in good heart but it really would be wonderful to have some younger folks join us - ladies and gentlemen, since we are no longer "The Woman's Guild" but "The Church of Scotland Guild"! Think about it!

Alice Hood

Services and Meetings

Sunday

10:15 a.m. All-age Family Worship (in Hall)
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship (with Crèche)
6:15 p.m. Evening Worship (as advertised)
7-8.30pm YKirk (3rd Sunday of month) (Sept – June)

Monday

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

Tuesday

10.00 a.m. Chalmers Ramblers Walking Group
7.30 p.m. Prayer Meeting

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

Sunday 3rd April

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Anne Sutherland
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship
– Rev Kristina Herbold Ross

Sunday 10th April

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Ian Bulloch
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship – Duncan Morgan

Sunday 17th April

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Tom Gordon
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship
– Rev Kristina Herbold Ross

Sunday 24th April – Kristina's Last Service

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Joyce Buchanan
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Sacrament of
HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Kristina Herbold Ross
6.15 p.m. Evening Worship with a celebration of
HOLY COMMUNION
– Rev Kristina Herbold Ross

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)

VACANCY

Sunday 1st May

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Tom Gordon
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 8th May

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – George Smith
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 15th May

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Duncan Morgan
**11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship – Joint Christian Aid Service
in Cockenzie Old Parish**

Sunday 22nd May

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship Sailing the High C's
– Amanda Johnston
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 29th May

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Mary Gordon **Please note this service
will take place in the Church due to Hall being used for 3 harbours Art Festival**
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 5th June

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Anne Sutherland **Please note this
service will take place in the Church due to Hall being used for 3 harbours Art
Festival**
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

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