



Chalmers Memorial Church Newsletter

February 2015



We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.

(2 Thessalonians 1:3)

Dear Friends,

I am sitting looking out of my window at Dunbar onto a pretty big running sea on a very cold winter's day. It's a day for warm clothes, log fires and not much venturing forth. I have to confess that Roxy our dog does not agree about the not venturing forth! I am reminded of the verse in the hymn 'Tis winter now'

"And though abroad the sharp winds blow
and skies are chill and frosts are keen
home closer draws her circle now
and warmer glows her light within."

The Church can offer a similar circle of warmth to folk who are feeling the chills that life brings through loneliness, disappointment, lack of purpose, illness, bereavement or the like. There are times when things can seem bleak and wintry indeed and with little sign of change being on the way. If the Church offers friendship, welcome and human kindness those who are cold find themselves being drawn into a circle of warmth. One of the striking things about the congregation at Chalmers Memorial is the genuine way you welcome folk into your midst and over the last few weeks a number of folk have told me how it was that warmth of welcome that drew them into membership of the congregation and keeps them there. Little words of

kindness and concern, an invitation to a cup of coffee, a seemingly inconsequential chat about anything and nothing, all show neighbourliness and an invitation to friendship. On another level elders visiting homes, our pastoral care team and such ventures as the new bereavement support group all say something about concern and care for those in the various circles of the church and wider community

This all helps us point to the even greater love and warmth that Jesus offers those who enter his circle of friendship. Many of us know that when we most needed that sense of God's love with us we found it coming in unexpected ways often through the words and actions of unexpected people. Sometimes folk come to the Church expecting very little or with a preconceived idea that they will not be very welcome, feel outsiders or just detached from whatever is going on. Let's try and take anyone who feels like that by surprise with an unexpected interest in them and warmth towards them evident in our words and actions.

Spring and Easter are just around the corner - now there's a warming thought!

With all good wishes

John Cairns

EDITOR'S NOTE

Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue of the Church Newsletter. The next issue will be available on **Easter Sunday 5th April 2015**. Articles for this edition should be with me by **Sunday 22nd March 2015**. If you would like to E-Mail news you can contact me on: chalmerschurch@btopenworld.com or by phone on 819471

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Easter Daffodils

If you would like to help decorate the church for Easter? We will be collecting Daffodils from Gosford Estate on **Saturday 4th April**. Please speak to Loreen Courtney for further information.



Sainsbury's



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We are collecting Sainsbury's vouchers for Craft materials and Sport Equipment for all the Children and Young People who are involved within our church. We would be grateful for any donations. Please pass on to Anne Sutherland or pop in box in church hall.



Come and meet real, flesh and blood people like us, with both weaknesses and strengths, who provide us with genuine models we can imitate. Studies start on **Tuesday 17th February**, from 7.30 to 8.30pm, meeting in the transept, and will run for six weeks.

- 17th February Jonah - running from God
- 24th February Hannah - praying in pain
- 3rd March Samuel - hearing God's voice
- 10th March Abraham - following God's call
- 17th March Caleb & Joshua - overcoming the impossible
- 24th March Elijah - knowing God's power

Stated Annual Meeting

29th March 2015

Following the 11am service we will meet in the Church Hall for Soup. The SAM will start at 1pm.

Please come along and hear more about our Stewardship Campaign and Fundraising Events.

A good congregational attendance would be appreciated.

Holy Week

Monday 30th March

7.30 p.m. **Holy Week Service** in **Chalmers Church** with members of the Guild. All welcome.

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

7.30p.m. **United Communion Service** in **Cockenzie Methodist Church**

Good Friday 3rd April

2 - 3 p.m. **Silent Vigil** - Church open for private prayers in **Chalmers Church**

7.30p.m. **Easter Service** in **Chalmers Church**

Easter Sunday 5th April

10.00 a.m. **Easter Family Breakfast**

11.00am **Easter Family Service**

Thanks

Nanna Naples would like to say thank you very much for the lovely flowers sent after her recent fall. Also thanks for all the cards and phone calls as well. It was all very much appreciated.

Peter & Helen Stewart would like to thank everyone for all the cards, flowers, prayers, calls and visits over recent weeks.

Isa & Heather Scott would like to thank everyone for the support during George's illness and for all the cards, flowers and visits received following his death.

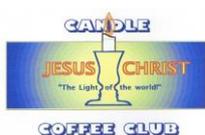
Thanks are expressed to everyone for their donations to the various activities over Christmas and Lothian Presbytery's Souper Sunday Project recently. The amounts were collected as follows:

Ebola Appeal	£325.00
Christmas card Collection	£150.00
Christmas Lunch	£113.50
HIV / AIDS Souper Sunday	£255.00

The next Candle Coffee Club meeting is on **Thursday 19th March**
Please note **NEW** time - 10.30a.m

In Longniddry Inn.

All most welcome



Funerals

On 12th December
Alexander (Jim) Hardie, Port Seton, aged 88 years

On 19th December
George Scott, Port Seton, aged 86 years

News from the Stewardship

Planning Group

We have been meeting with Margot Robertson, Church of Scotland consultant, to decide how to move the fundraising campaign forward. We intend to launch the campaign after the service in March when the SAM will be held. We are preparing a leaflet to be circulated to all members to coincide with the launch and intend to hold a presentation to let the congregation know our aims and objectives, and how we plan to proceed.

We have a number of fundraising ideas, but are looking for more ideas. If you have any, either let me know or pop it into the Restoration box in the vestibule.

In due course we will be asking for volunteers to take on one or more projects to raise funds.

In the meantime please continue to remember Stewardship in your prayers, as all of this activity is in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and to His Glory.

George Smith

Convener, Stewardship Planning Group

PRAYERS

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. John Ch15 v9

O God of love, we pray you give us love:

Love in our thinking, Love in our speaking,

Love in our doing and Love in the hidden places of our souls;

Love of our neighbours near and far;

Love of our friends, old and new;

Love of those with whom we find it hard to bear and Love of those who find it hard to bear with us;

Love of those with whom we work and Love of those with whom we take our ease;

Love in Joy, Love in sorrow,

Love in life and Love in death;

That so at length we may be worthy to dwell with you,

Who art eternal love.

William Temple 1881-1944

COMPETITION

Design a CrossReach Christmas card for 2015

We will print the winning entry as a card and sell it through the CrossReach "Christmas & Gift Collection 2015" catalogue and website. The Winner will receive a certificate and a supply of their winning design as printed Christmas Cards.

Competition Guidelines

- The card must be an original design, not copied from an existing copyrighted card or clip art
- Submit your card design on a sheet of paper/card no larger than A3 size
- Computer generated designs must be original and printed out as a hard copy
- Textures, 3D effects or metallic colours can be difficult to reproduce in print so are best avoided
- Feel free to include a Greeting and/or Bible verse in your design
- If you wish your design returned, please make this clear to us and enclose an appropriate stamped addressed envelope for its return

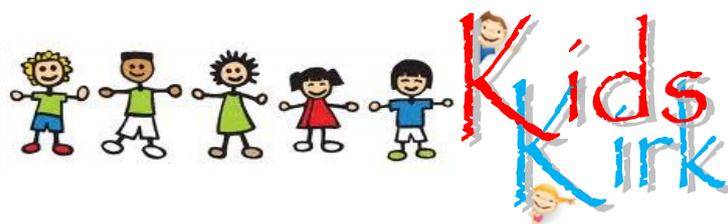
This competition is open to all supporters of CrossReach of any age.

Remember to write the name of the person or group who designed the card, age (if under age 16) and a contact person's name, address and telephone number on the back of each entry.

Closing date: Monday 30th March 2015

Send your entry to:

Christmas Card Competition
CrossReach, 47 Milton Road East,
Edinburgh EH15 2SR



Kids Kirk continues to grow and flourish. In September we started our journey down **Luke Street**. So far we have visited **The Sick House, The Crowded House, The Rich House, The Leaders House**, on 21st February we are off to **The Guest House**. We have on average 24 children attending each session. Interested in helping? Let us know, jobs vary from involvement with the children, providing the 'feast' and praying for the team, children & families.

Contact Sheila or Amanda -

KidsKirk@chalmerschurch.co.uk or text on 07980 059 974



There will be a joint Easter Holiday Club working with all the local churches and Scripture Union for Primary School Children **Saturday 11th April 10am - 3pm**. (£3.50 per child). Leaflets will be in school, and places can be booked using the Kids Kirk contacts.



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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)

Monday

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

Tuesday

10.00 a.m. Chalmers Ramblers Walking Group
7.30 p.m. Bible Study (17/2 - 24/3)

Welcome Wednesday

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 22nd February (1st in Lent)

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – A trip down Luke Street
Amanda JOHSTON
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship
6.15p.m. Evening Worship – Rev Tom GORDON

Sunday 1st March (2nd in Lent)

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

Sunday 8th March (3rd in Lent)

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

Sunday 15th March (4th in Lent)

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

Sunday 22nd March (5th in Lent)

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship - A trip down Luke Street
Ian BULLOCH
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

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 Intermediate 1 Group
(Aug – April)
4 – 6pm YKirk (2nd Friday of month) (Sept – June)

Saturday

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

Sunday 29th March (Palm Sunday)

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Anne SUTHERLAND
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship – followed by SAM and
Lunch
6.15p.m. Evening Worship – Rev Tom GORDON

Sunday 5th April (Easter Sunday)

10am Breakfast
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 12th April

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

Vacancy – Flower Convener

We are looking for a volunteer to organise the flower rota. If you are interested please speak to Janet Farquhar. Thanks are expressed to Aileen for all the hard work she has put into organising the Church flowers.



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