



Chalmers Memorial Church Newsletter Autumn 2016



Serve only the Lord your God. Respect him. Keep his commands and obey him.
Serve him and be loyal to him. Deuteronomy 13:4

Dear Friends

Summer has come and gone and we are well and truly into autumn now. Autumn brings with it beautiful colours in the trees, spectacular sunrises and sunsets and of course home-made soup to keep us fed and warm. It is also time to put the heating on and keep ourselves cozy.

I have discovered that Chalmers is a vibrant and busy church community. There are many opportunities for fellowship over and above our cup of tea after the service on a Sunday morning. With Welcome Wednesdays, Kids Kirk, Youth Kirk, the Guild, various Prayer Meetings, Candle Coffee Club and the Choir to name but a few I am sure there is something for everyone.

Fellowship is a very important part of our Christian life. At this time of year when the days seem to be shorter and curtains drawn earlier we need to make sure that folk who live alone are not left isolated. I will continue my programme of visits and Home

Communion but I would like to ask you to join me in being mindful of our neighbours. Say hello, invite them to the Wednesday lunches or coffee and chat. Jesus loved getting together with people so we would be following a perfect example.

I must also mention our Harvest Services when we had an opportunity to involve the community in thanking God for all the good things we receive from the land and sea. We had a service in the John Bellany Centre and as I write I have a date in the diary for Cockenzie Primary School to come into the church for their Harvest Celebration. We welcome all to our church buildings and go out when called.

We grow in faith when we do things together inside and outside our church buildings. The message of Jesus is that we become disciples and let the folk we meet see by our words and actions that Jesus loves us and them.

Every blessing
Mike



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Funerals

On 8th September 2016

Lorraine Cooper, Port Seton

On 1st October 2016

Williamina (Minnie) Davidson,
Edinburgh, Formally Port Seton.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue of the Church Newsletter. The next issue will be available on **Sunday 27th November 2016**. Articles for this edition should be with me by **Sunday 13th November 2016**. If you would like to E-Mail news you can contact me on: chalmerschurch@btopenworld.com

or by phone on 819471

Sheila Bulloch



Children and Youth News

September was the start of our 4th year at Kids Kirk. We began our travels with the apostle Paul, we started our journey in Jerusalem. Each child had their passport stamped at the Take Control Station. We are delighted to have Sinead Robertson and Sophie King as our young helpers this year. The girls show great support to the Kids Kirk children and guiding our new P1's.



Our 2nd Year of Youth Kirk began on the Sunday evening, we were blessed with 9 young people who came along to look at the work of The Leprosy Mission. The group had great fun drawing and decorating their own feet.

If you know a child in P1-P7 who would like to attend Kids Kirk on the 3rd Saturday of the month, or a young person P7-S3 who would like to come to Youth Kirk which meets on the Sunday following Kids Kirk please let us know. Kids Kirk runs 10am – 12noon, Youth Kirk runs 6-7.30pm.

God Bless, Sheila Bulloch & Amanda Johnston

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

We are delighted to have Ewen Glen, working with Debbie Middlemass as our Tranent Cluster Youth and Development Workers. Ewen and Debbie will be sharing the role.



Date for your diary – There will be a Christmas Activity Day for children P1-P7 on Saturday 10th December 10am – 3.30pm. Parents, Families, Siblings are invited to join us for the last hour (2.30-3.30pm). The Youth Kirk will be having a Movie/Pizza Night on the Sunday evening (11th December) – more details on these events will be posted on the Facebook Page and next Newsletter.



Treasurer

Having recently received the resignation of Janet Farquhar, the Kirk Session are delighted that Ian Bulloch has taken over as treasurer. You can find his contact details on the back page of this newsletter.

Fruits of the Spirit
Followers of Jesus
Respond with *love*, spread *joy*.
United
In the Spirit
they foster *peace*,
Show *patience*, and don't annoy.

They act with *kindness*
Hold fast to all *goodness*
eagerly affirm *faithfulness*.

Saints act with *gentleness* and
Practise *self-control*, they endure
Insults and injuries with
Rejoicing. To be sure,
if you abide in the Spirit,
Then you are free from the law.

Harry Hunter
<https://harryhunteronline.wordpress.com/>



Fundraising

Fundraising Events continue – dates for your diary:

Saturday 5th November – 2-4pm. Silent Auction. We are looking for good quality items, for example Paintings & Prints, Jewellery Crystal and good glassware Donated vouchers for meals etc. We cannot accept clothes or electrical goods. To donate see Duncan Morgan or phone 01875 812071.

Friday 25th November at 7.30pm - Quiz Night. Tom Gordon says he won't make it too difficult!!

John Bellany is organising a Sponsored Walk at a date to be arranged, while early in the Spring next year we are planning another concert by the Dalkeith and Monkton Hall Brass Band.

Keep up to date with what's going on by keeping an eye on the Fundraising Notice Board in the Church Hall

*George Smith,
Stewardship Convenor*

Thanks

George Armstrong would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, prayers and visits following the death of his sister Margaret.

Tom Tervit would like to thank everyone for their kind messages received during his recent illness - they were very much appreciated, as were the flowers from the church.

A special thank you to all the ladies who served the interval teas and coffees at the Lammermuir Festival. This was much appreciated by everyone. A sum of £137 was raised.

John Thomson is grateful for the flowers and messages of support received during his friend Alison's illness.

PRAYER

O sweet and loving God,
When I stay asleep too long,
Oblivious to all your many blessings,
Then, please, wake me up,
And sing to me your joyful song.
It is a song without noise or notes,
It is a song of love beyond words,
Of faith beyond the power of human telling,
I can hear it in my soul.
When you awaken me to your presence.

Mechthild of Magdeburg prayer



Harvest Thanksgiving

Our Church was decorated beautifully for Harvest and many gifts were donated for the Edinburgh City Mission. At our Harvest Thanksgiving service Mike talked about water, he had placed a jug amongst the harvest gifts to remind us of the Scripture passage from John Ch7, from verse 37 'On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.' By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.



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)
6-7.30pm Youth Kirk (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

Rev Mike Watson will conduct worship unless otherwise stated.

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 16th October

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

Sunday 23rd October

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Mike Watson
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 30th October

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Anne Sutherland
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Sacrament of
HOLY COMMUNION
6.15 p.m. Evening Worship - including a Celebration
of **HOLY COMMUNION** – Rev Tom Gordon

Sunday 6th November

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Mike Watson
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 13th November (NO 10.15am SERVICE)

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

Sunday 20th November

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Amanda Johnston
- Take Away Treats & Shoebox Sunday
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship – Ian Bulloch

Sunday 27th November (1st in Advent)

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Ian Bulloch
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship
6.15 p.m. Evening Worship – including a Celebration of
HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Tom Gordon

Sunday 4th December (2nd in Advent)

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

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